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SERBIAN ARMIES ARE IN ALBANIA

Enemy Having Failed to Crush Them, They Have Taken Up Positions

OPTIMISM IN LONDON REGARDING BALKANS

No Russian Official Statement Last Night; May Be Concealing New Move

London, Dec. 4.—The much-rumored Russian diversion against the Bulgarians has not materialized, but the fact that no Russian official statement was issued last night has given rise to hopes in London that it was withheld in order to secret this new phase of the Balkan campaign. At the same time reports have reached here from Bucharest that three Bulgarian divisions crossed Hungarian territory en route to the Italian or western front, which, if true, would seem to indicate that Bulgaria does not fear a Russian invasion.

Reports of such a shift of forces on the part of the Bulgarians are as vague, however, as the report that Austro-German troops had been rushed from other quarters eastward to face the new Russian menace.

Dispatches from several sources assert that both the northern and southern Serbian armies are established safely in Albania, while the forces of the defending force at Monastir have reached the French camp at Givogil, in Serbian territory, near the Greek frontier, not far from Salonica.

A feeling of optimism over the Near Eastern situation is growing here. The negotiations at Athens between the entente representatives and the Greek government again seem to be progressing favorably. From German sources news has been received that Greece has granted the allies absolute control of the railroads in Greek Macedonia, together with certain ports on the Aegean Sea, thus assuring them an undisturbed base of operations.

TAKE UP POSITION AT KUT-EL-AMARA

British Forces Fall Back From Field Won at Ctesiphon, Mesopotamia

London, Dec. 4.—The British army in Mesopotamia is falling back. Official announcement was made to-day that the forces of General Townsend are retreating to Kut-el-Amara.

The official statement says: "General Townsend remained in occupation of the battlefield at Ctesiphon, beating off all counter-attacks, until he had completed the removal of his wounded and of 1,600 prisoners taken from the enemy; but in view of our heavy losses and the arrival of Turkish reinforcements, he then withdrew.

It is reported that our total casualties in these actions amounted to 4,567. No report is made of any political officers being wounded, as was alleged in the Turkish official statements.

On the night of Nov. 30-Dec. 1 General Townsend fought a rearguard action against greatly superior Turkish forces. Our casualties in this action are estimated to have been 150 of all ranks.

Two river boats were disabled by shells and had to be abandoned.

General Townsend remarks of the steadiness of the troops, and states that the retreat was carried out in perfect order. By the latest reports General Townsend was within a few miles of Kut-el-Amara, upon which position he is retiring."

Kut-el-Amara is about 105 miles south of Bagdad.

BOY-ED SAW BERNSTORFF IN WASHINGTON TO-DAY

Washington, Dec. 4.—Captain Boy-Ed, naval attaché of the German embassy, whose immediate withdrawal has been requested by the United States, came here to-day from New York and had a long conference with Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador. Captain Franz von Pappen, the military attaché of the embassy, whose withdrawal also has been asked, is expected to come to Washington soon.

RECOGNITION FOR CARRANZA

Washington, Dec. 4.—Great Britain, France and Russia and Spain were expected to recognize the Carranza government in Mexico to-day by giving formal notifications to Carranza's minister of foreign affairs.

HOPE TO CONTINUE PLOTS IN STATES

Germans Planning to Use Two New Attachés in Operations

AUSTRIAN OFFICIALS WILL BE SENT AWAY

Washington Will Ask Recall of Zwiedenik and Others, Says Providence Journal

Providence, R. I., Dec. 4.—The Providence Journal says to-day with reference to the American government's request for the recall of Captain Boy-Ed and Captain von Pappen, naval and military attachés, respectively, of the German embassy at Washington.

"This action was taken last Tuesday night, after the cabinet meeting of that morning and after a series of conferences held on the same day in Washington between President Wilson, Attorney-General Gregory, Secretary Lansing and representatives of the Providence Journal.

"Count von Bernstorff immediately telegraphed the foreign office at Berlin and this morning he received from Berlin the acknowledgment of his message and the declaration that both officials would be withdrawn immediately from service in the United States.

"The Journal is able to announce this morning that Captain Boy-Ed will leave here for Germany as soon as his passports can be secured. The British and French authorities will interpose no objection to his taking ship and will give him safe conduct to any European port which he may designate.

"Captain von Pappen last night stated that he had no regrets, that he simply had done his duty as a soldier. Captain Boy-Ed announced that he simply had done his duty as a naval officer, that the majority of the criticisms against him in the American press were unjust and unfair and that the American newspapers had not taken into consideration the immense strain under which he had labored and the fact that none of his activities had been individual in character, but that he was simply an officer carrying out orders to the best of his ability under all circumstances.

Austrian Officials to Go.

"The dismissal of Captain Boy-Ed and Captain von Pappen is to be followed immediately by a demand on the Austro-Hungarian government for the removal of Acting-Ambassador Zwiedenik, Count Nuber von Persek, consul-general at New York; two vice-consuls in the New York consulate, the Austro-Hungarian consuls at Pittsburgh and Cleveland and the consul-general at Philadelphia.

"The government intends also in the near future to ask for the recall of at least one German consul-general in this country, whose name at the present time cannot be disclosed, and also of Dr. Heinrich Albert, fiscal agent of the German government in the United States.

"Both Captain Boy-Ed and Captain von Pappen were notified last Tuesday by Count von Bernstorff of the decision of the government.

"Yesterday afternoon, after Secretary Lansing's decision had been announced formally throughout the country, Captain Boy-Ed held a conference with several friends and members of the consulate in New York, including Dr. Heinrich Albert, at Room 809, No. 11 Broadway. This conference adjourned for dinner and was resumed at 8 o'clock last night, continuing until a late hour.

Passport Frauds.

"The Journal is able to state from the highest authority that the recent Hamburg-American trial had nothing whatever to do with the demand for Captain Boy-Ed's dismissal. Captain Boy-Ed is dismissed especially for the following reasons:

"The government has positive proof of his illegal connection with Steglar, who is now held for passport frauds and who has turned over to the government a large number of letters and telegrams from Captain Boy-Ed, which show beyond doubt his direct connection with these frauds and his thorough approval of them.

"The government has positive proof of Captain Boy-Ed's leadership and the activities, centering about the attempt to create a Hamburg-American line-officials last spring to embroil the government of the United States and the British government by the production of a series of false affidavits tending to show that certain tugboat captains had been carrying supplies from New York harbor to British cruisers. The government is convinced that the entire amount of money for the operation of this plot came through Captain Boy-Ed and that he was familiar with every step taken in the matter.

Huerta Plot.

"The government has conclusive proof that the entire Huerta conspiracy which was hatched in Barcelona, Spain, last year, was engineered through Captain Boy-Ed and Captain

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64TH AND 58TH ARE IN MOTHERLAND NOW

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—It is announced officially that the troopship Saxonis has arrived at a port in England. She sailed from Canada on November 22, carrying the following troops: 54th battalion (British Columbia), 34 officers, 1,111 men; 53rd battalion (Ontario), 49 officers, 1,041 men; No. 1 battery, 3 officers, 10 men, one chaplain.

ALLIES STILL ARE LANDING TROOPS

British Transports Put More Men Ashore at Salonica Yesterday

BULGARIAN DIVISIONS HAVE CROSSED HUNGARY

London, Dec. 4.—A Ruter dispatch from Salonica says: "The Bulgarians shelled yesterday the British left on the Strumitza front, but soon were silenced by British guns. Otherwise nothing occurred on the allied fronts.

"Additional British troops disembarked yesterday.

"No details have been received respecting the occupation of Monastir. The fall of the city has evoked considerable resentment in Greek circles.

"Reports persist that Russian troops have entered Bulgaria."

Repulsed by Montenegrins.

Paris, Dec. 4.—Hard fighting in Northern Montenegro, in which the Austrians were repulsed, is reported in an official Montenegrin communication received here to-day, dated Dec. 3.

German Claim.

Berlin, Dec. 4.—The capture of more than 2,000 Serbians by the Teutonic forces is reported in the statement issued to-day by army headquarters. The captures were effected in engagements with scattered bands in the mountain regions.

Crossed Hungary.

London, Dec. 4.—Three Bulgarian divisions have crossed Hungary, en route either to the Italian or French front, according to a dispatch received here from Bucharest.

FRENCH SHIP SUNK WITHOUT WARNING

Algerine Sent Down in Mediterranean; Captain Killed; Two British Vessels Sunk

Paris, Dec. 4.—Further particulars of the sinking of the French steamship Algerine on November 25 show that the vessel was torpedoed without warning by a submarine flying the Austrian flag, the Rome correspondent of the Journal telegraphs.

The submarine also fired shells, one of which killed the captain. The crew lowered boats. One of them picked up the captain's body, but this boat was then attacked and sunk by the submarine.

No previous report had been received of the sinking of the Algerine, but a London dispatch of November 29, probably referring to the same incident, said the French steamship Algerine had been sent to the bottom. The vessel was of 1713 tons gross and 260 feet long. She was built in 1881 and owned in Marseilles.

Two British Vessels.

London, Dec. 4.—Two more British steamships have been sunk in the Mediterranean by submarines, the Middleton and the Clan Macleod.

Four men on the Middleton were killed and one was wounded. Nineteen were landed at Malta.

The Middleton was a steamship of 2,500 tons gross, and was in the service of the government. The Clan Macleod was a vessel of 4,794 tons gross.

Roumanian Govt. to Take Over Vessels

London, Dec. 4.—Ruter's Bucharest correspondent telegraphs that the Roumanian military authorities have announced that all steamships, barges, tugboats and other craft anchored in Roumanian ports, belonging to foreign or private Roumanian companies, will be commandeered on Monday "in the interest of national defence."

Premier Bratianu, the correspondent says, has informed the Roumanian senate he is unable to give explanations of the government's foreign policy or information concerning military supplies. This information is reserved "in the interests of national defence."

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BARON BRINCKEN HAD PART IN PLOTS

Independent Agent of German Government Operating on Pacific Coast

WILL BE ARRESTED IN SAN FRANCISCO

Crowley Case May Result in Demand Bopp Be Recalled

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—A federal warrant charging Baron George Wilhelm von Brincken, captain of cavalry in the German army, with having attempted to destroy commerce, was given to-day to the United States marshal's office for service. Von Brincken avoided arrest last night at his hotel by claiming immunity as a diplomatic attaché.

A similar warrant was issued for Charles C. Crowley, a detective employed by Franz Bopp, German consul-general here, now out on bail on a charge of conspiracy to destroy vessels and docks loaded with supplies for the allies.

Baron von Brincken asserted last night, according to the federal authorities, that he was military attaché of the consul-general's office here, when Don Rathbun, special agent of the department of justice, and J. B. Holohan, United States marshal, called on him with the warrant at von Brincken's hotel apartments. The officers withdrew without serving the warrant.

Not Diplomatic Agent.

The orders to investigate the activities of von Brincken and others came from Washington, John W. Preston, United States district attorney, said. When the warrant was not served last night, the authorities at Washington were informed, and to-day Mr. Preston received word that von Brincken was not a diplomatic agent.

According to Mr. Preston, von Brincken was an independent agent of Germany. He said that so far as he could learn the German officer had no connection with the embassy at Washington, the consulate-general here or other German consulates in the country.

Von Brincken and Crowley are charged in the new complaints with "interference with and attempting to destroy commerce between citizens of the several states of the United States and foreign countries."

Knows "Higher-Ups."

Shortly before the officials called upon von Brincken last night, Mr. Preston stated that Louis J. Smith is a more important figure in the case than a mere tool, that he accompanied Charles C. Crowley about the country, was his active lieutenant and was in a position to know the identity of the "higher-ups" and the source of the funds placed at their disposal.

Coincident with the questioning of von Brincken, it became known that Bopp's aide has been under the surveillance of operatives of the W. A. Mundell international detective agency. Mundell held a conference with Mr. Preston yesterday and later with Marshal Holohan.

It is said Crowley had worked in the capacity of private detective for relatives of Baron von Brincken and through him was retained in a confidential capacity by Consul-General Bopp. Bopp has been asked to appear before the federal grand jury on Monday and tell about his employment of Crowley, which he contends as confined strictly to legitimate lines.

Involved With Crowley.

Von Brincken, smiling and apparently unconcerned over the visit of the officers last night, admitted that they had questioned him regarding the Crowley case.

He denied that the officers had intimated there was a possibility of his arrest. "They did intimate that they connected me with the great German plots—whatever that may mean," he said. "I told them to see the German consul-general on all consular matters, as he was the spokesman for the consulate. I think the officials connect me about with him." Crowley has been used by the consulate merely to get information. "That is what we are here for—to get information."

That a close connection existed between the Crowley case and the cases of the Hamburg-American officials, whose conviction in New York on charges of having conspired to defraud the United States came almost simultaneously with the demand of the state department for the immediate recall of Captains Boy-Ed and von Pappen, attachés of the German embassy in Washington, was intimated by officials conducting the Crowley inquiry.

Mr. Preston was asked whether the Crowley case seriously involved Consul-General Bopp. He replied: "Bopp has admitted he employed Crowley to perform confidential work. I have charged Crowley with conspiracy to destroy vessels carrying supplies to the allies. The testimony given by Louis J. Smith was satisfactory to the

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REPORTED ITALIAN FORCE IS MOVING TO COAST OF ALBANIA

Turin, Dec. 4.—A large Italian expedition now is en route to Albania, according to advices received here to-day.

In all the dispatches forecasting the sending of an Italian expeditionary force to Albania to help the Serbians, Avlona has been mentioned as the probable point of landing.

MINNESOTA USING ONLY SIX BOILERS

Believed In San Francisco Fourteen Were Disabled by Persons Aboard

HELPLESS 700 MILES SOUTH OF THAT PORT

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—While the disabled steamship Minnesota, the largest vessel of the American merchant marine, is wallowing in the sea caused by a thirty-mile wind on the edge of a heavy southeast storm to-day, the tug Dauntless and the wrecking steamer Taque, dispatched from San Francisco yesterday, are racing to her assistance. The rescue craft will put into San Diego for fuel to-morrow, and then begin their final dash to the Minnesota. They will arrive alongside on Sunday. It is expected, and he back with their huge charge is a next week. It is likely that the coastguard cutter McCulloch, now cruising north of San Diego, also will be sent to assist in the rescue to-day.

As the Minnesota lies virtually helpless 700 miles south of here, the Great Northern Steamship company, owners of the vessel, and federal officials are investigating the cause of the trouble. Yesterday they discovered that at least four days before the vessel began her return to this port, persons in Seattle and San Francisco predicted that she would have to put back. To-day, following the receipt of a wireless message from Captain Garlick, master of the vessel, that only six of the boilers were in use, another important deduction was made.

Passed Inspection.

When the Minnesota left Seattle she had passed the federal boiler inspection with a clean slate. The board of underwriters also had put the boiler through an even more severe test.

The Minnesota has 20 independent boilers. Captain Garlick's message says that 14 of them have become crippled since the departure of the ship on November 14. It is not thought that this could happen without a deliberate attempt having been made to disable the steamship.

C. W. Wiley, marine superintendent of the Great Northern Steamship company, now in San Francisco, while neither confirming nor denying the reports of a German plot to prevent the steamship reaching England with her large cargo, said to-day: "The Minnesota's system of boilers is more complex than that of any other American steamship. It could have been put out of commission in a hundred different ways and it would be impossible to fix the blame. There may be men aboard interested in preventing the Minnesota from continuing her trip. I will not say whether there are or not. I simply don't know."

It was the intention of the company, after she had discharged her cargo in England, to sell the big steamship.

AMERICAN STEAMSHIP ATTACKED NEAR CRETE

Athens, Dec. 4.—A wireless S. O. S. call reached Athens this morning from an unnamed American ship, the message stating that she was being attacked by an Austrian or a German submarine, south of the island of Crete.

LETTERS TO STATES CENSORED IN LONDON

London, Dec. 4.—Government officials admitted to-day that a general censorship had been established on all mail to the United States. Asked about reports that 1,000 women had been employed to open mail to the United States, the censor smilingly declared the idea was "picturesque."

The censorship will not stop harmless mail, but will head off communications between agents of Germany in the United States and those in the United Kingdom. Up to now the censorship of mail to the United States has been "insignificant," it was said.

YEAR AND A HALF FOR DR. KARL BUENZ

Same Sentence Imposed on Kotter and Hachmeister, Hamburg-American Officials

POPPINGHAUS GIVEN ONE YEAR; COMPANY FINED

Appeal Probably Will Be Carried to United States Supreme Court

New York, Dec. 4.—Dr. Karl Buenz, managing director of the Hamburg-American line, and George Kotter and Adolph Hachmeister, officials of the line, convicted on Thursday of conspiracy to defraud the United States government, were sentenced to-day to serve one and a half years in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta. Joseph Poppinghaus, also of the Hamburg-American line, was sentenced to one year. The Hamburg-American line was fined one dollar.

All the defendants were admitted to bail pending the filing out of a writ of error in their behalf. Bail was fixed at \$10,000 in each case, and was accepted from a surety company.

The sentences were pronounced after Judge Howe had overruled motions by William Rand, Jr., chief counsel for the defense, for dismissal of the verdict on the ground that it was contrary to the evidence and law in the case. In making his motion, Mr. Rand said he had little hope that it would be entertained by the court.

Warning to Others.

United States District Attorney Snowden Marshall, in moving for sentence, said it was "his painful duty to ask for substantial punishment, not so much for its effects on the defendants, but to serve as a warning to others."

None of the defendants showed any emotion when sentence was pronounced. Prior to the opening of court they were surrounded by a number of sympathizers, with whom they chatted freely. Dr. Buenz told his listeners that his only regret was that the American people should believe he had done anything to injure them or had ever had anything but the kindest feeling toward this country.

Through Mr. Rand, Dr. Buenz, the aged director of the line, asked Judge Howe to take into consideration that his three co-defendants had been his subordinates, and that if any offence had been committed, they were merely acting under his orders.

The nominal fine imposed on the Hamburg-American company was explained by Judge Howe as due to his wish to free the case as far as possible from "the odor of money." He said that there had been no evidence to show that the company, as such, had entered into any conspiracy, and that it was probable that Dr. Buenz alone had any power to bind it in any of the proceedings complained of. The lighter sentence imposed on Poppinghaus was in recognition of the fact that he occupied a subordinate position, and had merely carried out the orders of his superiors without having an active part in the planning of the conspiracy.

Buenz is Old.

In sentencing Dr. Buenz, Judge Howe announced that if the sentence should be confirmed in the higher courts, he would be willing to support any move to obtain clemency on the ground of the advanced age of the prisoner.

"This case," said Judge Howe, "probably will be taken to the Court of Appeals and to the United States Supreme court. If sentence should be affirmed, and it be claimed that imprisonment would be a penalty to Dr. Buenz on account of his advanced age, the case would be referred to the executive department of the government. This court would be willing to take any action that might be desirable in support of such a movement."

GERMANS NOW ARE DEMANDING PEACE

Rotterdam, Dec. 4.—The absence of all newspapers from the western and southern towns of Germany continues. A sinister reason has caused the stoppage of these journals. The demand for peace has spread among the people. Certain journals, notably the Frankfurter Zeitung, have published articles demanding peace on the ground that all objects for which Germany began the war are accomplished.

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NO CARGOES FOR PORTS IN GREECE

Allies Are Applying Pressure Once More, Says the Paris Figaro

DENYS COCHIN SEES M. BRIAND IN PARIS

Berliner Tageblatt States Greeks Would Disarm Teutons if They Crossed Border

Paris, Dec. 4.—The entente powers consider Greece is taking too long to reflect upon the answer to their demands, and have decided to apply again the economic measures which were used with such effect a fortnight ago, says the Figaro.

The newspaper declares orders have been given prohibiting the departure from allied ports of all ships with cargoes consigned to Greece and stopping immediately the loading of Greek vessels.

Opinion in Greece.

Athens, Dec. 4.—Public opinion is veering toward the fullest acceptance of the demands of the entente powers. While the government is hesitating in framing its reply, thousands of refugees are arriving at Florina, after having tramped through from Monastir in the deep snow. All buildings are crowded, and hundreds are without shelter. Children are dying from hunger and exposure.

Cochin in Paris.

Paris, Dec. 4.—Denys Cochin, member of the cabinet without portfolio, who visited Athens and talked with King Constantine, has arrived here for a hurried conference with M. Briand, the prime-minister. It is understood M. Cochin is confident that Greece will keep her pledges to the allies.

Central Powers' Offer.

London, Dec. 4.—"Virtually the whole of Grecian Macedonia has been handed over to the allies as a war base," says the Berliner Tageblatt, as quoted in a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company.

"Greece expects, however, to disarm troops of the central powers if they should pursue allied troops in Grecian territory."

The Tageblatt is credited with the statement that the central powers have offered Greece Southern Albania and islands in the Aegean on condition that she decline to grant certain demands of the allies and remain neutral.

IN SEATTLE AT TIME BARGE WAS BLOWN UP

C. C. Crowley Was Man Who Boarded Fireboat, Asking Questions, Sailors Believe

Seattle, Dec. 4.—Louis Boyle, pilot, and R. L. Harris, stoker, on the Seattle municipal fireboat Snoqualmie, are en route to-day to San Francisco, where they will endeavor to identify Charles C. Crowley, under arrest in connection with plots to destroy munitions plants and ships, as the man who visited them aboard the fireboat a few hours after the explosion of a barge of dynamite in Seattle harbor last May.

Boyle and Harris have informed federal officials of their belief that Crowley is the man who came aboard the Snoqualmie at six o'clock on the morning of May 2, representing himself to be a government agent, and made detailed inquiries concerning the explosion, the amount of damage it had done and particularly asked if they knew if any Germans had been aboard the barge. Crowley was accompanied by another man whom the firemen did not know.

Photographs of Crowley published here led Harris and Boyle to inform federal officials of the occurrence and to declare their belief that Crowley is the man who came aboard the boat seeking information.

GENERAL PORRO SITS WITH WAR COUNCIL IN THE FRENCH CAPITAL

Paris, Dec. 4.—General Porro, second in command of the Italian army, arrived in Paris to-day to take part in the war council of the entente powers.

AUSTRO-GERMANS TO THE ISONZO FRONT

Rome, Dec. 4.—A large force of Austro-Germans is en route to the Isonzo front in an effort to save Gorizia, according to a dispatch received here to-day from Geneva.

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SOCIALISTS ARE IN DETERMINED MOOD

German Govt. Must Give Some Indication of Its Peace Terms

Rotterdam, Dec. 4.—The German Socialists' forthcoming interpretation of the government on the subject of possible peace terms is no mere formality. The Social Democrats are in a determined mood. Information from a trustworthy source is to the effect that a considerable proportion of the party wish to take stronger action.
 At a recent party caucus a vote was taken on the proposal that the party should insist on the government giving in the Reichstag a precise definition of the terms upon which it would conclude peace. Forty-three members voted in favor of the proposal and the resolution was defeated by only fifteen votes. The suggestions which will now be put to the government were then agreed upon as a compromise.
 What is prompting the Social Democrats to put pressure on the government is no mere matter of pacific principles. They are urged on by the sufferings imposed on the industrial classes by the shortage of many kinds of food.
 The party, it is stated, will demand from the government a further grant for the relief of distress caused by the war. In addition they propose to pay the soldiers and sailors an increase of 50 per cent.

SMALL SUBSCRIBERS WILL BE FAVORED

Govt. Will Accept \$100,000,000 Credit of \$50,000,000 for Imperial Govt.

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—The following memorandum was issued last night by Hon. W. T. White, minister of finance:
 "The question of allotment of the war loan has been under consideration by the minister of finance. From the returns received to date it is clear that if, in accordance with the announced intention of the government, the subscribers for moderate amounts are favored and the issue confined to \$50,000,000, only a small fraction of the whole could be allotted to subscribers for larger amounts, including banks, insurance and other financial institutions, as well as numerous individual citizens, commercial and industrial companies, and municipalities who greatly desire for patriotic reasons to participate in the loan and have made financial arrangements accordingly. After full consideration the following decision has been reached by the government:
 "1. All subscriptions of \$50,000 and under will be accepted in full.
 "2. Subscribers other than the chartered banks, for amounts exceeding \$50,000, will be allotted their subscriptions to be available for the next few months for the purchase in Canada of munitions, shells and other supplies. Such a credit will assist materially in financing orders already placed and securing the placing of more orders in Canada by the imperial government.
 "At a later date, when the credit in question becomes exhausted, it is the purpose of the minister of finance to devise a plan whereby, with the co-operation of the chartered banks, a further credit for the same purpose will be chartered. Under the present arrangements the banks, by their subscriptions, will assist materially in the establishment of the present credit."
 "If the total loan be increased to \$100,000,000, the government will employ \$50,000,000 to establish a credit with the finance department for the imperial treasury to be available for the next few months for the purchase in Canada of munitions, shells and other supplies. Such a credit will assist materially in financing orders already placed and securing the placing of more orders in Canada by the imperial government.
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7,236,000,000 FRANCS ON DEPOSIT SEPT. 30

The Financial Strength of France as Shown by the Banks

Paris, Dec. 4.—A billion and a quarter francs (\$250,000,000) more gold at the end of October, 1915, than at the beginning of January, 1914, with a billion francs increased credit balance abroad—that was the situation of the Bank of France after fifteen months of war.
 A billion of the gold increase came from voluntary offerings by the people in exchange for bank notes—offerings that are still coming in; the billion increased credit is less significant, since it comes from a loan by Great Britain, but it is pointed out that, with this balance and the increased gold reserve, the purchasing power of the Government abroad is two and a quarter billion francs greater than at the beginning of 1914. Irrespective of the credit in the United States, resulting from the joint loan.
 This showing, after the enormous expenditures made by France in Canada, the United States, Great Britain, Switzerland and Spain since the beginning of hostilities is regarded in financial circles as remarkably fine.
 The disquieting rumors concerning the condition of one or more of the other great French banks that circulated after the declaration of war have been contradicted by the course of events. It is admitted that some of them might have suffered alarmingly from the inevitable difficulties of a war panic had the moratorium not been promptly decreed, but five months' respite enabled them to meet all emergencies.
 The five leading establishments doing a general banking business, not including the Bank of France, held, in deposits subject to cheque and in current accounts at the beginning of 1914, 5,963,000,000 francs; of that amount 2,400,000,000 was drawn out during the fifteen days preceding the outbreak of hostilities, leaving 3,563,000,000 tied up by the moratorium. Instead of taking money out by cheque after the banks had waived the moratorium on December 21, 1914, the depositors put back during the first eight months of this year 1,000,000,000 francs of the money drawn from the same establishments in July, 1914. During the same period the deposits subject to cheque and the current accounts of the Bank of France increased from 712,000,000 to 2,696,000,000, bringing the total cash on deposit in all important banks of France at the end of September, 1915, to 7,236,000,000 francs, as against 6,675,000,000 at the beginning of 1914. At the same time, renouncing the benefits of the moratorium, debtors paid to the Bank of France 1,256,000,000 of discounted paper.
 These manifestations of confidence have had a wonderful effect on business. The banks have been able to show greater liberality in discounts and thus facilitate the revival of trade.
 German Paper.
 What is supposed to have embarrassed at least one of the big banks of Paris was the quantity of rediscounted paper that it held in its vaults on August 1, 1914. The statement has been made repeatedly and so far has been neither refuted nor confirmed, that in the few months immediately preceding the crisis the Reichsbank and other German banks that enjoyed rediscounting facilities in France availed themselves of them to the limit, loading the bank in question with German paper that naturally remains unpaid.
 Many people asked how it happened that Parisian banks could be loaded with German paper. The explanation given is that there was always more idle money in France than in any other European country, and German short-time drafts and notes rediscounted for German banks was a convenient source for the profitable use of that money.
 Widespread Interests.
 The banks of Paris have been likened to great department stores. They are immense establishments, with widespread interests looked after by numerous branches in the French provinces and the capitals of Europe. They do everything in the way of financial transactions, from the discounting of a thirty-day note to the floating of a big government loan. They discount bills and notes, rediscount banked paper, sell foreign exchange, make foreign and domestic collections, buy and sell all sorts of coins, exchange all kinds of currency, loan money on open account, rent safety deposit vaults, take charge of securities, collecting the interest, advance money on stocks and bonds, execute stock exchange orders, float government loans and place other bonds and securities. Their greatest source of profit in the past undoubtedly has been in the underwriting of loans for foreign governments such as Turkey, South American states and the Balkans. Through their medium also many billions of francs in American securities have been placed on the French market on which the profits could not have been much less than ten per cent.
 Objections frequently have been raised against the concentration of such immense sums in these banks, amounting practically to an obstacle to any great financial transaction that the banks might not approve. The banks have been further reproached with concentrating their interest on foreign loans and discounts that offered bigger profits, to the exclusion of French commerce and industry and thus hindering the developments of foreign trade.
 Money Abundant.
 Notwithstanding those objections, money was so abundant that it was cheaper in France than in almost any other European country before the war. At the same time a great deal more was required for current business transactions than in other countries on account of the resistance to the

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BRIG.-GEN. J. HUGHES COMING TO VICTORIA

Winnipeg, Dec. 4.—Brigadier-General John Hughes, who has been appointed inspector-general of the Canadian overseas forces located in western Canada, has arrived from the east accompanied by his staff officer, Major J. W. Sifton. He states that he will remain in Winnipeg until Monday, when he will go through to Victoria. From that point he will work backward, inspecting the various overseas units en route.
 He states that Canada is rapidly becoming depleted of experienced officers, and that a plan is on foot to have many of the Canadian officers who have had experience in the trenches return home to take command of new units, their places to be filled by officers at present in England.

MUST CIRCULATE NO MORE PEACE PAMPHLETS

Paris, Dec. 4.—The French section of the Women's International League for Permanent Peace has been ordered by the Paris police authorities to discontinue the circulation of peace pamphlets.
 The officers of the French section were summoned before the commissary of police yesterday to explain their activities. The women maintained that they were acting according to their philosophical convictions. The police are continuing their inquiries.

6,000 AUSTRIANS AT RUSTCHUK, BULGARIA

Zurich, Dec. 4.—Six thousand Austrians, equipped with heavy artillery and Zeppelins and aeroplanes, have arrived at Rustchuk, northeastern Bulgaria, according to advices received here. It is supposed the Austrians were sent to Rustchuk to contest Russian attempts to enter Bulgaria.

NOT PERMITTED TO START SUIT AGAINST BOWSER

Vancouver, Dec. 4.—Mr. Justice Murphy declined to give an order to Joseph Martin, K. C., representing the Liquidator of the Dominion Trust, for leave to start a suit against Hon. W. J. Bowser, as acting minister of finance, for the \$200,000 bond money.

SUBMARINE REPORTED SUNK NEAR GIBRALTAR

London, Dec. 4.—The Europa Point batteries have sunk a submarine, according to a Reuter dispatch received here from Gibraltar.

CARDINAL BEGIN IN ROME.

Rome, Dec. 4.—Cardinal Begin, Archbishop of Quebec, has arrived here to attend the consistory. He will be the only American cardinal in attendance, as the three cardinals in the United States are not coming. Pope Benedict's audiences begin to-morrow.

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CHEQUE SYSTEM BY CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF MERCHANTS AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS.

The notary, a vital institution in France, without whom inheritance could not be settled and transfers scarcely could be executed, refuses absolutely to accept any one's cheque; a Rothschild must produce the legal tender to a notary.
 At the end of the month French houses make up the list of their payments to the bank for the cash and may all bills in currency. A few accept cheques from well-known customers, but the little tradespeople of the quarter look upon anything but bills of the Bank of France, gold or silver, with suspicion. In consequence, a greater proportion of the total circulation is daily passing from hand to hand in current business of life in France than in most countries.
 Considering this formidable need for floating currency, the natural tendency of depositors to draw on the banks in every crisis and the great drains of war on the resources of the country, the condition of French banks is considered satisfactory. A recent report of the Credit Lyonnais disclosed the fact that its war losses were entirely covered by a sinking fund provided for other risks that had already expired. The case of the Bank of France is exceptional; its profits have more than doubled by reason of its participation in the financing of the war.

FLAVELLE WILL DEVOTE ALL TIME TO MUNITIONS

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—J. W. Flavelle, the chairman of the new imperial munitions committee, will resign from the economic commission, to which he was appointed recently. This will enable him to devote practically all his time to the work of the munitions committee. A new suite of offices has been secured and the staff increased from fifteen to nearly one hundred. Shell contracts so far awarded total \$350,000,000, and the output is about \$25,000,000 per month.

TRYING TO STOP LANDING OF TROOPS AT SALONICA

Geneva, Dec. 4.—Count Goluchovski, former foreign minister of Austria, arrived in Athens yesterday, according to reports received here. He is reported to be trying to secure the promise of King Constantine that the allies will not be allowed to continue landing troops.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM CANADIANS IN STATES

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—A feature of the war-loan is the number of subscriptions which have been received from Canadians now residing in the United States. These subscriptions, reaching a considerable total, denote the loyalty of the ex-Canadians and their confidence in the ability of the allies.
 The loan will not be allotted until all applications from British Columbia and other distant parts of Canada have been received. This probably will not be until next week. The minister of finance has not indicated as yet whether he intends to accept all the subscriptions received, or confine the amount accepted to the amount asked for, \$50,000,000.

ITEMS IN PROGRAMME OF MANITOBA GOVT.

Winnipeg, Dec. 4.—The Free Press states that it understands the government programme which will be submitted to the legislature at its January session will include the following items: Provision for woman suffrage; amendments to the school act, which will provide for compulsory education and the repeal of the "Coldwell Amendments"; restriction of the university management; provision that the English language be made the teaching language in all schools in the province; appointment of a civil service commission and the introduction of the promised prohibition measure for submission in the form of a referendum.

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THROW MIMIC BOMBS IN LONDON PARKS

Members of Volunteer Training Corps Learning How to Hurl Missiles

London, Dec. 4.—The London Volunteer Training Corps, a home defence militia of middle-aged men who occupy their late afternoons and Saturday half-holidays training in the London squares and parks, have become far enough advanced to begin practice with mimic bombs.

In Hyde Park, or Russell Square, or any other of the numerous grass plots, the volunteers may be seen on any afternoon now, standing behind make-believe trenches constructed of park benches and brushwood, winding themselves up with all the contortions of a professional baseball pitcher and then madly hurling at each other curiously contrived blocks of wood. In a sense these are mere dummy bombs; yet they are to be regarded with a certain amount of respect, for they have real uses warranted to go off with a sputter, a bang, a flash and a little cloud of smoke.

Eight men comprise a bombing squad for purposes of practice, with a ninth man, chosen for particular calmness and intrepidity, who is the lighter. At command the nine jump into the trench and the lighter touches off the first bomb. The man who holds it must remember that the fuse has five seconds to burn and the bomb should explode at the last available moment, just after landing in the enemy trench. So he must hold it while he counts slowly and deliberately, "A hundred and one, a hundred and two, a hundred and three."

Only when the word "three" is fairly out may he throw. If his throw is accurate, the bomb will drop squarely into the opposite trench, sixty feet away with a realistic bang and a puff of white smoke. Then the whole nine men leap out of their trench with a cheer, and rush across the intervening space, and into the enemy's stronghold.

But it is not often that the first bomb reaches its target. It is no trifling matter to throw a sputtering fuse and a one-pound block of wood sixty feet with accuracy, and many of the shots go wild. Frequently, the volunteer throws too soon and, to remedy this falling his officers station themselves at the rear, ready to capture the prematurely thrown bomb and hurl it straight back to burst in the midst of the huddled volunteers.

ITALIANS CAPTURED TRENCH NEAR TOLMINO

Took Rifles and Munitions; Gain Made in Ledro Valley

Rome, Dec. 4.—The following official communication was issued last evening:

"In the Ledro valley one of our detachments of Alpini descended a precipice north of Pre by means of ropes and surprised the enemy, who had been reinforced, and drove him back, afterwards firmly occupying the position."

"Minor actions ending in our favor are reported from northwest of Roncegno, in the valley of Gallitz."

"Our infantry occupied in front of Tolmino a part of an enemy entrenchment on Santa Maria hill, capturing rifles and munitions. There is no change on the rest of the front."

Vienna, Dec. 4.—The following official communication was issued last evening:

"After the repeated unsuccessful attacks of the last few days against the bridgehead of Tolmino and our mountain positions to the north, quiet prevailed there yesterday. Near Osavla last night we again repulsed an attack. Attacks on Monte San Michele and the northern slope of that mountain also failed."

"Near San Martino Italian detachments which approached with sand bags were annihilated. "Gloria has again been subjected to an especially vigorous bombardment, which in the centre of the town caused considerable fresh damage."

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—The following casualty list was given out last night:

Fifth Infantry Brigade Headquarters—Wounded: Capt. George C. Drury, Montreal.

First Battalion—Suffering from shock: Pte. T. H. Linton, Tower Hill, N. B. Died of wounds: Sergt. John Grindley, Guelph, Ont.; Pte. J. W. Ross, Scotland.

Third Battalion—Suffering from shock: Corp. J. S. Hood, Scotland. Wounded: Sergt. A. S. Whitmore, Toronto; Pte. Geo. Taylor, Pte. W. H. Hastings and Lance-Corpl. Frank Bond, England.

Fourth Battalion—Killed in action: Corp. Jas. Ferguson, Great Falls, Mont.; Lance-Corpl. W. E. Adeock, Quebec.

Wounded: Pte. R. F. Dehlem, England.

Eighth Battalion—Previously reported dead; now reported killed in action: Pte. A. T. Burch, England.

Twelfth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. J. Shaw, Hamilton, Ont.

Thirteenth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Sam Broadway, England.

Fifteenth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. S. Miller, Chatham, N. B.; Pte. Herbert Guy, England.

Slightly wounded: Pte. John Robinson, England.

Sixteenth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. Alex. Angus, Scotland; Pte. T. A. Hughes, England; Pte. D. G. Lowe, Scotland.

Seventeenth Battalion—Seriously ill: Pte. Roy Warren, Pitco, Alta.

Eighteenth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. E. Martin, England.

Nineteenth Battalion—Died of wounds: Pte. W. Finnie, Elora, Ont. Wounded: Pte. A. H. Woods, Toronto.

Severely wounded: Pte. F. E. Goods, Toronto.

Twentieth Battalion—Severely wounded: Pte. S. Dale, England. Wounded: Pte. Spencer Cummings, Ganoque, Ont.

Twenty-fourth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Amos Weller, Montreal; Corp. Alex. Cameron, Scotland.

Twenty-fifth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Chas. Baird, Scotland; Pte. P. Woods, England; Pte. Jas. Whitman, Mahon Bay, N. S.

Twenty-eighth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. W. E. Froste, Belleville, Ont.; Pte. Wm. Guy, Ireland; Pte. Wm. Moore, England.

Thirty-first Battalion—Died of wounds: Pte. E. C. Collins, Calgary.

Killed in action—Pte. F. H. Macbeth, Lethbridge, Alta.

Wounded—Pte. A. Dunstall, England. Thirty-fourth Battalion—Seriously ill: Pte. H. G. Lamb, Stratford, Ont.

Sixtieth Battalion—Died: Pte. James Gavan, England.

First Canadian Mounted Rifles—Slightly wounded: Sergt. Jas. Eddie, Scotland.

Third Canadian Mounted Rifles—Killed in action—Capt. R. S. Monkman, Vegreville, Alta.

Severely wounded: Corp. A. E. Morrison, Scotland.

Ninth Canadian Mounted Rifles—Died: Pte. A. Buchanan, Cyprus Hills, Alta.

First Field Artillery—Seriously wounded: Gnr. C. Butler, Ottawa.

Third Field Artillery—Wounded: Gnr. David Howie, Hamilton, Ont.

Heavy Canadian Horse Artillery—Wounded: Pte. F. H. Benson, Halifax, N. S.

Wounded severely: Pte. W. Howlett, Brantford, Ont.

Sixth Field Company Divisional Engineers—Killed in action: Sapper R. A. Campbell, Kirkfield, Ont.

Canadian Army Service Corps Training Depot—Seriously ill: Pte. Henry Fisher, Watertown, U. S. A.

Depot Company Army Medical Corps—Seriously ill: Pte. F. A. Pearce, England.

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RECRUITING NOT SO BRISK IN SOME PARTS

Great Demand for Labor is Having Effect in Dominion

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—It is reported that recruiting at certain points in the Dominion is not so brisk as formerly. In the Maritime provinces recruiting has been brisker than usual of late, but in some of the other provinces, from which a very large proportion of men have been drawn, a slight falling off is shown.

This is ascribed to various causes, prominent among which is the almost complete lack of employment in the winter. With recruiting sergeants on the one hand appealing to men to join the army, and with employment agents on the other scouring the country for men for the woods and ammunition factories, a choice has been provided for idle men which they formerly did not possess.

An attempt has been made, for instance, to enlist sappers and miners in Nova Scotia. The coal men, however, claim that they already have lost 20 per cent. of their men to the various regiments of infantry and artillery enlisted there, and that if any more are taken away the output of coal will be seriously affected. It is a choice between men and munitions, say the mine owners, for any shortage in coal must necessarily affect the munitions factories. In addition the munitions factories themselves are increasing every day, and the demand for men is increasing proportionately.

The lumbermen have been bombarding the labor department with requests for men for the camps, and there is evidence that the unemployment conditions of last winter will be reversed, and scarcity of labor will characterize the present winter. Industries during the coming winter will be running at far greater capacity than last.

Winnipeg, Dec. 4.—A second advance this week in the price of flour has been announced by the milling companies. On Tuesday the prices were advanced 20 cents per barrel, and now there is a further advance of 20 cents. No. 1 patents now being \$8.20 per barrel, or \$7.10 per sack.

REFUSE TO ALLOW WHITLOCK IN BRUSSELS

London, Dec. 4.—The Amsterdam correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company sends the following:

Advices from Rotterdam (Holland) state that Belgian newspapers under the German censorship have been ordered to announce that Brand Whitlock, United States minister to Belgium, will not return to Brussels. The news has been received with consternation throughout Belgium.

It is believed that General von Bissing, German governor-general of Belgium, decided to have Mr. Whitlock ousted, and that he also is pressing for the immediate removal of the American and Spanish legations from Brussels to Havre, the seat of the Belgian government.

The Hague, Dec. 4.—The Berliner Tageblatt says it has authentic information that Brand Whitlock has been retired from his post of American minister to Belgium and will not return to Brussels. According to another report circulated in Germany, Mr. Whitlock will retain his status as minister to Belgium, but instead of returning to Brussels, will take up his residence at Havre, the present Belgian capital.

A Frightful Death! Suffocated in Asthma Attack

Every sufferer from asthma knows the terror, the abject fear that overcomes them when struggling for breath. The old-fashioned Catarrh zone, which cures asthma after hope is abandoned. It's because Catarrh zone kills the asthma germ that it cures, choking spells and labored breathing are relieved, suffocating sensations and loss of breath are cured. Every trace of asthma is driven from the system, and even old chronics experience immediate relief and lasting cure. Equally good for bronchitis, throat trouble and catarrh. The large one dollar outfit includes the Inhaler and lasts two months, sold by all dealers or from the Catarrh zone Co., Kingston, Canada.

Amsterdam, Dec. 4.—It is understood that the German government has ordered that after January 1, all supplies of coffee, tea and cocoa in the country must be reported to the authorities, as there probably will be a shortage in those commodities, which now can be imported only by smuggling.

Geneva, Dec. 4.—Photographs received here from Constantinople show Prince Abdul Halim, heir to the throne, in the uniform of a German colonel, with German officers surrounding him. The rank was bestowed on him recently by Kaiser Wilhelm, and Halim, who is enthusiastic about the Teutons, wears the uniform constantly.

A HORSE THAT COST GOVERNMENT \$140

Toronto, Dec. 4.—At the inquiry held here yesterday by Sir Charles Davidson, William N. Pummer, of Bolton, declared that a man named Cecil Gott had told him that one of the government buyers of horses had turned down his offer of a horse for \$125 and that J. R. Fallis, M. P. for Peel county, later in the day had given him \$140 for the beast.

Mr. Fallis admitted buying the horse, and said that if he had given Mr. Gott a government cheque, he was purchasing agent for the government at the time, he would have used his own cheque. Mr. Fallis further declared that he had heard Gott tell a man on the street in Brampton that the offer of the horse for \$125 had been made to a party before the war broke out, and that he had asked \$100 for the horse after the war broke out, when the demand for horses became greater.

"He asked \$100 for the horse and I gave him \$140 for it," said Mr. Fallis.

WANT AVIATION SCHOOL IN THE COMOX VALLEY

Courtenay, Dec. 4.—The board of trade passed the following resolution and has forwarded it to H. S. Clements, M. P.: "The Courtenay board of trade believes that the Comox valley is a most suitable place to establish an aviation school and requests that you present our case to the government in the strongest possible manner."

J. WALTER BRANNIN KILLED IN PORTLAND

Portland, Ore., Dec. 4.—Mangled beneath the wheels of a street car, J. Walter Brannin, Portland manager for the United Press, died at the Good Samaritan hospital at 9 o'clock last night. The accident occurred at 7:30 o'clock in the evening. Patrolman Pratt, who witnessed the accident, says that Mr. Brannin stepped out from behind a telephone pole and went toward the car as if to board it. When within a few feet of the car he slipped and fell across the tracks in front of it. The fender was dropped, and the car was so close that Mr. Brannin rolled underneath.

MERCIER MADE PREFECT.

Rome, Dec. 4.—The Osservatore Romano, official organ of the Vatican, says Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, was called to Rome as Pope Benedict desired him to participate in the formation of the new congregation, which will have under its jurisdiction all seminaries and ecclesiastical studies throughout the world. Cardinal Bisleti was made prefect of the body.

RECAPTURED A POST NEAR BELGIAN COAST

French Also Destroyed Sheds and Supply Depot Between Somme and Oise

Paris, Dec. 4.—The following official statement was issued last night: "There have been artillery actions at some points of the front."

"In Belgium, to the south of Lombaertzyde, we retook a small post which had been captured by surprise last night."

"Between the Somme and the Oise, to the northwest of Fays, there has been fighting by means of mines. Our artillery has destroyed some sheds and constructions and a supply depot to the north of Laucourt. Fighting with grenades has taken place in the Apremont forest."

"In the Vosges a short bombardment of Thann was suppressed by our artillery. The bombardment caused only insignificant damage."

The following Belgian official statement was issued last evening:

"Notwithstanding the obstacles encountered on account of the weather, our artillery has repeatedly disturbed the German works in course of completion and silenced the enemy batteries, which, although showing feeble activity, had opened fire on the road from Pypergaale to Reninghe."

CLOSING DAY OF FAIR AT SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—To-day was the last day of the Panama-Pacific exposition. The sounding of "taps" from the lofty Tower of Jewels, the presiding of a button by President C. C. Moore that forever extinguished the myriad lights of the "Jewel City," the hauling down of the flags and the furling of the banners, the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," the hurrying into the air of a great salvo of rockets, bombs and "stars," the trailing in letters of fire upon the midnight sky of "Farewell, P. P. E." by the exposition aviator, Art Smith—these were to be the final and concluding acts in the colorful drama the initial scene of which was staged February 20, when the exposition opened. The exposition was born in the rainless and cloudless sky and brisk north wind gave promise of a fair sky and a glorious sunset through the Golden Gate at its close.

MARRIAGE OF MR. WILSON AND MRS. GALT DEC. 18

Washington, Dec. 4.—President Wilson and Mrs. Norman Galt will be married on Saturday, Dec. 18, at Mrs. Galt's home here, according to a formal announcement made to-day at the White House.

It also was announced that the only guests will be Mrs. Galt's mother, her brothers and sisters, the president's brother and sister, his daughters, and the members of his immediate household. No invitations will be issued.

No announcement was made regarding plans for a honeymoon, but it is expected that the president and his bride will leave Washington soon after the ceremony for somewhere in the south.

EPIDEMIC IN LEMBERG.

London, Dec. 4.—The Austrian forces have evacuated Lemberg owing to an epidemic of scurvy, according to a Central News dispatch received here to-day from Bucharest. Two hundred cases of scurvy have been reported daily for weeks.

RUSSIAN VICTORY IS UNOFFICIALLY REPORTED

London, Dec. 4.—The Russians have taken 12 miles of trenches, 700 prisoners and a large quantity of munitions and food supplies on the Tukum road, west of Riga, according to a dispatch from Geneva to the Exchange Telegraph company.

NEW RUSSIAN LOAN IS GREAT SUCCESS

London, Dec. 4.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Daily Mail quotes M. Alexandroff, one of the directors of the state bank of Russia, as saying that the new \$50,000,000 Russian loan is a great success.

MOCK PARLIAMENT.

Courtenay, Dec. 4.—The mock parliament inaugurated last fall by E. Lee Anderson, secretary of the Comox Liberal association, and others has proved a great success. Some very amusing and interesting debates take place every Wednesday evening in the K. of P. Hall.

TYRANNY IN BELGIUM.

Brussels, Dec. 4.—In a decree issued by General von Bissing, the German governor-general of Belgium, the authorities of the provinces of Antwerp and Brabant were called to meet to-day in special session to discuss the matter of war contributions.

MACKENZEN WOUNDED.

Petrograd, Dec. 4.—Field-Marshal von Mackenzon was wounded slightly by a Serbian bullet during the recent operations, says a Copenhagen dispatch to the Novoe Vremya.

THREE-CENT STAMP.

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—The post office department has decided to supply the demand for a three-cent stamp to obviate the necessity of placing extra stamps on letters for the war tax by issuing an ordinary two-cent stamp with a distinguishing mark designating the war tax.



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RUSSIAN VICTORY IS UNOFFICIALLY REPORTED

London, Dec. 4.—The Russians have taken 12 miles of trenches, 700 prisoners and a large quantity of munitions and food supplies on the Tukum road, west of Riga, according to a dispatch from Geneva to the Exchange Telegraph company.

NEW RUSSIAN LOAN IS GREAT SUCCESS

London, Dec. 4.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Daily Mail quotes M. Alexandroff, one of the directors of the state bank of Russia, as saying that the new \$50,000,000 Russian loan is a great success.

MOCK PARLIAMENT.

Courtenay, Dec. 4.—The mock parliament inaugurated last fall by E. Lee Anderson, secretary of the Comox Liberal association, and others has proved a great success. Some very amusing and interesting debates take place every Wednesday evening in the K. of P. Hall.

TYRANNY IN BELGIUM.

Brussels, Dec. 4.—In a decree issued by General von Bissing, the German governor-general of Belgium, the authorities of the provinces of Antwerp and Brabant were called to meet to-day in special session to discuss the matter of war contributions.

MACKENZEN WOUNDED.

Petrograd, Dec. 4.—Field-Marshal von Mackenzon was wounded slightly by a Serbian bullet during the recent operations, says a Copenhagen dispatch to the Novoe Vremya.

THREE-CENT STAMP.

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—The post office department has decided to supply the demand for a three-cent stamp to obviate the necessity of placing extra stamps on letters for the war tax by issuing an ordinary two-cent stamp with a distinguishing mark designating the war tax.

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EXIT TWO MORE KULTURISTS.

In dismissing Captains von Papen and Boy-Ed, Washington has dealt a severe blow to the Prussian campaign of violence against American industry. These men were very important factors in the organization set up by Germany to prevent the shipment of munitions of war to the allies; the various German and Austrian consuls throughout the country were their tools. Whose tools they were in turn further developments may disclose. The secret service operatives who have tracked the conspirators plainly are doing their work well. Picking up the loose ends at New York, San Francisco, Seattle and elsewhere, on the circumference of the circle, they have followed the trails to the centre. The demand for the recall of von Papen and Boy-Ed shows that they have almost reached the door-step of the German embassy.

Certain German and Austrian consuls are said to be slated for dismissal also, but whether the enforced retirement of all these disciples of Kultur will end the dynamiting and incendiaryism by Teutonic agents is doubtful. Probably they will continue until Germany is beaten to her knees. After all this is merely a form of the general warfare she is conducting against civilization. Assassination and similar crimes, whether the victims are official belligerents, non-combatants or neutrals, if in the interests of the Fatherland are duties prescribed by the Prussian war-code. All these atrocities will end when the Prussian blight has been destroyed at its base; the tentacles then will wither away no matter in what part of the world they may lie.

THE CRACKING MACHINE.

The German machine is beginning to crack. It was not built for prolonged operations with an overload. It was not designed for warfare on three fronts; not even for warfare simultaneously conducted on two fronts. It was built for a sudden spring, a lightning-like decision against one adversary, followed immediately by an irresistible, concentrated onslaught upon the other before he was ready. The leap failed and the whole plan for which the machine was devised fell to pieces. The mechanism had to be improvised to cope with something that had not been contemplated. It had to carry the load of simultaneous campaigns on two fronts, and now it must bear a fresh burden in the shape of a campaign on a third front.

What comprises the German war machine? The army, navy, industrial organization, money and raw material, and trade. The foundation of the machine is the national state of mind, based upon the comfort and confidence of the German people. The army so far is intact, although undoubtedly weakening; the navy as a factor in the war has ceased to exist; the trade is at a standstill and financially Germany is practically bankrupt. But, most important of all, the foundation is giving way. The comfort and confidence of the people are crumbling. The allies' sea power is striking staggering blows daily at the very roots of German strength, and no matter where the armies may be or how imposing a front they may present, they can last only as long as the source of their power remains intact, and no longer.

The German people want peace; millions of them are facing starvation. They may not understand politics and policies; they may have no mind or disposition to analyze the motives of their leaders, but they do understand hunger. Bulletins of victories cannot fill their stomachs nor can noxious substitutes supplant the nourishing food to which they have been accustomed for years. What satisfaction is it to a man or woman with children crying for food to learn that the German army has occupied Mitrovitz?

They cannot eat the word out of a bulletin. What will happen when the distress at home becomes so acute that it cannot be kept from the army? One German newspaper was frank enough to hint at it. It declared that if German fathers on the battlefield thought that their families were starving they would surrender wholesale to the enemy whenever opportunity offered in order that the war might be brought to an early conclusion. When the French broke the German line in Champagne they captured more than twenty thousand unarmoured German prisoners. The knowledge that their wives and children were suffering untold misery would break the soldiers' moral quicker than anything else could. Apprehensive of this, the German government more than a month ago prohibited the sending to the trenches of any newspapers, letters and postcards which alluded to the food shortage. Within the last few days scores of newspapers have been suppressed and prominent journals published along the Rhine have either gone out of existence or their circulation has been seriously restricted. They are too near the western front. Nevertheless the army will soon learn the truth. All news files fast, and Germany's collapse will be appallingly sudden when it does come.

MAY YET BE FOUND.

An interesting fish story arose from the trial of officials of the Hamburg-American steamship line for violating the United States customs laws. The captain of one of the vessels equipped to supply German warships. In the South America threw his papers overboard when overhauled by a British cruiser. A shark swallowed the documents and a sailor fishing from another ship later caught the shark. The usual post-mortem disclosed the papers in the shark's stomach; had their contents been in any other language than German they might have been digested. The story, however, should implant in Mr. Price the tender leaves of hope in connection with those missing coal records whose loss he so deeply deplores. It is believed that along with some political documents they fell into a garbage tin. Now, garbage is collected by city employees and cast from a scow into the waters of the strait, to the great dejection of founders and other corpulent low-brows who haunt the nether levels of plebeian society for that kind of diet. Mayhap, Mr. Price's coal books are now resting inside some fish gizzard which bolted its food and was not particular as to the quality of the daily menu as long as quantity was guaranteed. That being so we would urge fishermen and others to examine carefully any flounder or halibut or cod they may catch. Those books and documents cannot yet be regarded as hopelessly lost.

GERMANY'S EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM.

In his informative address before the Canadian Club yesterday Dr. Hughes showed how Germany's educational system was reflected in the nation's industrial efficiency. Undoubtedly there are many features of that system other countries might profitably adopt; it would pay them to substitute practical training and the application of knowledge to modern industry for much of the dead-wood with which their school curricula are burdened and in other ways to develop and direct along useful lines the mental resources of their people. Conservation, and prevention of waste as applied to mental energy, are no less important than when applied to physical health and material resources.

But still there is something in the German educational system that is vitally wrong. The state in which it has flourished has been a colossal failure and as now constituted is doomed to early extinction. Military despotism, it is true, is the immediate factor responsible for the downfall of an empire which has known only three rulers, but the very existence of military despotism denotes vital defects in the mental training and development of the people. Mediaevalism and enlightenment cannot flux; the fact that the German people have accepted completely the extraordinary ideas of their ruler; that without question, analysis or even superficial reasoning, they have absorbed the preposterous stuff dished out to them by military headquarters, the press, the pulpit and platform, shows that whatever might be the advantages of their system of mental training, its weaknesses are fatal.

The German educational system has run to the extreme in utility training. It has enslaved the German mind to the sole idea of material development. It has made the German a machine, destroyed his initiative and individualism and exposed him to easy manipulation by his rulers. Specializing at his particular vocation, he has become an expert, thorough mechanic, but that is the end all and be all of his development. He has been made narrow, selfish and parochial.

He is fertile soil for the Prussian gardener. His faculties, highly developed in the especial line in which they have been trained, do not operate at all in regard to subjects outside a sharply restricted limit. In political progress he is where the Briton was in the time of the Tudors; in spiritual progress and moral ethics he is a cipher. These are matters upon which he has not been taught to think for himself; these, the most important requirements of civilization, are beyond his ken. They are not material; they cannot be seen. Hence the German mind, which deals with only material things, knows nothing and cares nothing about them. Had the German educational system been less practical, less material, less mechanical and less rigidly thorough in its specialization; if it had dabbled more with ethical ideas and principles and the higher development of the mind, there would have been no military despotism and there would have been no war to-day. The German would have been minded to govern himself; his understanding would have revolted against the precepts of the Treitschkes, the Bernhardis and the Delbrucks. Extremes in anything are not good. Too much exclusive material development is as bad for a nation as not enough. We have seen how even a great and prosperous empire may lose its soul, and the germ of that catastrophe lay largely in its educational system notwithstanding the advantageous features it is known to possess.

The bulk of the wheat commandeered by the Canadian government, doubtless on recommendation of Hon. "Bob" Rogers, has been released. The seizure probably was intended by the resourceful minister of public works as a reply to the demand of the farmers of the prairies for "free wheat," to prove to them that allowing wheat to go into the United States, where a higher price could be obtained, would be an unpatriotic act, the grain being scarce and in demand in Britain. Unfortunately for this wonderful strategic movement, the government of Great Britain promptly denied the allegation that the Canadian wheat had been commandeered on its suggestion. The consequence is that the supply is gradually being released. The only result that has been achieved is a disturbance of the market, with the millers the chief beneficiaries. In fact they announce an advance of twenty cents per barrel in flour. The unfortunate consumer, as usual, is the goat. We trust it is duly appreciative of the imbecile action of the government.

One of these days von Bernstorff will realize that he is a lonely man. Boy-Ed and von Papen have been handed their walking papers. They are not wanted in the United States, nor in any place except Germany; but how they are to get there is the question. In the meantime all responsibility for directing the movements of the incendiaries and assassins who are waging war upon the United States must rest upon the German ambassador at Washington, who from this time forward should be a busy man indeed. It is not probable for a moment that Kultur will be abashed by conviction of its most active agents. The campaign will be carried on, even on the chance of the adroit Bernstorff being directly implicated in it.

Filled to the hatches with "envoys" and newspaper men, the peace ship Oscar II. is on her way. Ford hardly knows where he is going, but what does the gallant ship's company care about that? With nearly three score newspaper men to beguile the time with stories and an orchestra to fill in the interregnum, the destination and purpose of the expedition are not important.

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Toronto Mail-Land Empire.

Prince Louis of Battenberg, who was first sea lord in the British admiralty when the war broke out, refused the throne of Bulgaria at the time Ferdinand was a candidate in order to serve under the British flag. If Prince Louis were monarch in Bulgaria, what a different turn the Balkans campaign would have taken now.

GERMAN TRIUMPH IMPOSSIBLE.

London Express.

The signs are in our favor, but the final act of the greatest of all world dramas is still far off. Complete German triumph has been impossible since the battle of the Marne, but that has not prevented prolonged German advances and German victories.

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for BEADED FRINGE and have been unable to find such as would meet your requirements. We have a splendid variety to choose from, suitable for the decoration of light shades, or in the ornamentation of My Lady's gown. It is in 4, 5 and 6-inch widths, and in very pleasing tints, and the coloring is permanent. See our window display.

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Two Weeks of Quick Selling in Table and Fancy Linens at Specially Low Prices For the Christmas Sale

For several years we have held a special sale of Table and Fancy Linens just previous to Christmas, but never have we offered such a large stock at such remarkably low prices. Fancy Linens, especially, make most acceptable and practical gifts at Christmas time, while the opportunity to buy high-grade Table Linens at such low prices is always welcomed. This season, doubly so, for while there has been a general advance of practically 30% on last year's prices, we are, thanks to our big contracts with the manufacturers, enabled to offer you substantial price reductions on the old prices. This sale will therefore make it worth while for all housewives to replenish their stock now.

- Fancy Battenberg Doilies, Centre, Squares, Runners and Table Cloths—
 Very dainty Linens, and some of the best values ever offered. Scores of different prices and designs to choose from and prices are marked up to \$2.00 from 12½¢
- 25c Battenberg Doilies and Centre Pieces—
 Monday 2 or 25¢
 Pretty Drawnwork Centres and a nice quality Battenberg lace, 15 x 15.
- 40c Crochet Centres for 25¢
 8 dozen in this lot, including embroidered centres with neat crochet lace.
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 Squares, Round Centres and Runners, wide assortment of pretty designs and qualities. These measure 30 x 30, 18 x 45, and 15 x 54.
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- Battenberg Linen Table Cloths, \$3.50 Values for \$2.00
 A limited quantity only of these, which will soon be bought up by early shoppers. Drawnwork Centres with a nice quality lace edging. Size 52 x 52.
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 Better grades reduced in same proportions.
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Colored Sweater Sets—A most serviceable gift. We have new shades just in, old rose and saxe. Good, weighty quality, at set \$2.50
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White Woolen Gaiters, at pair 75¢
 —First Floor.

All \$5 Untrimmed Velvet Shapes To Go at Half-Price \$2.50 Monday

Second Floor.

Shadow Lace for Fancy Corset Covers

Newest designs and all very dainty, at yard, 25c, 50c, 75c, and \$1.00

New Shadow Flouncings, white and cream, at yard, 50c, 75c and \$1.00
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Don't you think your friend would appreciate one of these beautiful Silk Sweater Sets? Sure she would, and appreciate your kind thought for her comfort. These Sets are of British manufacture, and come in a nice heavy weight quality. The sweater coat has belted back with self-covered buttons, cap and scarf to match. The shades are rose, ivory, cerise, purple, saxe, gold and buttercup, also emerald with purple, pink with emerald, emerald with pink, and saxe with tan. Splendid value, Saturday, at \$12.50

A New Brushed Wool Sweater Set, extra heavy make. Coat has shawl collar and pockets. Cap and scarf belt to match. The shades are saxe, Copenhagen, coral, Paddy, purple, rose and camel hair. Superior value at set \$7.50

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 Silver-plated Bon Bon Trays, \$1.90 to \$3.25
 Nickel-plated Mounted Bread Board \$4.75
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To Be at St. Mary's.—Rev. Canon Gould will be the preacher at St. Mary's, Oak Bay, at the 11 o'clock service to-morrow morning.

First Congregational Church.—At the First Congregational church to-morrow the pastor, Rev. Chas. A. Sykes, B. D., will take for his subject, "Is the Liquor Traffic Pro-German?"

Lend a hand and trust to luck; Something's due to Jack Canuck. Patriotic Aid Society, 1210 Broad St.

New Thought Lecture.—At the Progressive Thought Temple, Pandora Avenue, to-morrow, Dr. Butler will speak at 11 a. m. on "Life's New Meaning." At 7.30 his subject will be "The New Thought, and Better Morals."

Moose Whist Drive.—The Loyal Order of Moose will hold the monthly whist drive at the K. of P. hall, North Park street, on Tuesday next, December 7, at 8 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to men of H. M. forces and their friends.

Organ Recital.—The usual half-hour organ recital will be given at the Metropolitan Methodist church to-morrow commencing at 7 p. m., when the following selections will be played: Concert Allegro in G (Mendelssohn); Aria alla Handel (Drummond); Prelude on "St. Anne" (Palmer); Andante from Violin Concerto (Mendelssohn).

The Coming Race.—At the First Baptist church to-morrow evening Rev. J. B. Warnicker will take as his topic "The Coming Race, or The Dawn of a New Era." Mrs. Grant and Miss Davis will be the soloists. George Paulin will render the anthem of the allies during the service.

Annual Lecture.—Rev. J. G. Inkster's annual lecture will be on "Bristol, Bath and the Southwest of England." His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor will preside. This lecture will be illustrated by 60 superb views. The proceeds will be devoted to the Red Cross fund.

Men's Service.—The service at the First Presbyterian church to-morrow evening will be for men, who will all sit downstairs, while the women will occupy the galleries. The choir will be filled with men—soldiers and civilians—and Pto. Pearson will sing solos. By request Corporal Morrison will render "Tell Mother I'll Be There."

Old Comrades Association.—The monthly meeting of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Old Comrades' association will be held on Monday next, at the A. O. F. hall, Broad street. The meeting will commence at 8 o'clock. A hearty invitation is extended to all royal naval men and marines.

Fraternal Order of Eagles.—Victoria Aeris, No. 12, F. O. E., will on Wednesday evening, December 8, hold their grand social for members, their families, and invited guests. This will be the first social of the season. These socials are for the benefit of the Eagles' Aid fund. Invitations may be obtained from members of increase committee. An illustrated lecture will be delivered by A. S. Huxtable and R. G. Howell entitled "Through Canada to the Trenches" to be followed by dancing and refreshments.

A. O. U. W.—A large attendance is looked for at the next regular session of Vancouver lodge No. 5, which will be held on Wednesday evening next. Very important business will be brought up, and officers for 1916 will be elected. It is earnestly hoped that all brothers will make a special effort to be present. Visiting brothers will be heartily welcomed.

Men's Rally Postponed.—As the patriotic mass meeting to be held in the Royal Victoria theatre, on Sunday afternoon conflicts with the men's rally at the Y. M. C. A. advertised for 4 o'clock. The latter meeting has been postponed for one week. Rev. J. G. Inkster has kindly consented to the change, and will then give his address on "Jehovah and the Huns."

On account of the losses sustained by the handling for 10c U. S. publications, the following news dealers in the city have agreed that the price of the aforesaid American periodicals shall be advanced to 15c. on and after this date. Signed:—
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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY
Victoria Times, December 4, 1890.

The Tynesiders of the city are requested to communicate with J. W. Meldram with a view to a dinner on December 26. Natives and former residents of that section are invited to participate.

The editor of the Bulletin, Frank Campbell, in another column offers to sell his tobacco business at the Adelphi corner. It will be hard to mention any man who is so well known in Victoria. The business has the best goodwill in the city because people have got so used to go to "the corner" to buy smoking supplies, and hear the news.

The Dominion hotel, new building, is now complete, and preparations are in hand for its early opening.

Dr. G. L. Milne, of this city, has admitted into partnership Dr. A. T. Watt. Dr. Watt is a gentleman from the east who has taken the highest honors in his profession. Dr. Milne intends to devote more time to his public affairs.

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The Church of Our Lord will hold its annual sale of work on Tuesday, Dec. 7, from 3 to 6 p. m. There will be on sale many useful and fancy articles suitable for Xmas presents, and home-made candy. Afternoon tea will be served.

Preachers for the Day.—The Rt. Rev. Bishop Scriven will preach at the morning service in St. John's church, and the Rev. Canon Gould, secretary of the Missionary Society of the Canadian church, will preach at the evening service at 7.30.

Give to aid the Union Jack: There are those who'll not come back. Patriotic Aid Society, 1210 Broad St.

Metropolitan Methodist Church.—The Rev. C. T. Scott, B. A., D. D., will preach at both services. The subject in the morning will be "Why are we here?" and in the evening "Divine Girdling." The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be held at the close of the morning service.

Subjects of Sermons.—To-morrow morning at the James Bay Methodist church the pastor will preach on the theme, "The Greatest Thing in the World." In the evening the second address on "Pilgrim's Progress," illustrated by lantern pictures, will be given.

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Ready in April.—The Imperial Oil company has done considerable construction at McLaughlin point where the new oil depot is to be. The tanks are up and tested, the wharf is partly built, construction having been stayed by heavy weather. Tuesday the out-buildings are to be begun. The company expects that the depot will be ready by April.

Message to Men.—At the high celebration on Sunday morning next at St. Barnabas church, Rev. D. M. Rose will give an address especially to men. Rev. Mr. Rose is a member of missionary deputation visiting Victoria at this time, and was formerly secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. The rector and churchwardens cordially invite all churchmen to be present.

Rowland's Band Concert.—To-morrow evening at 8.45 the regular weekly concert will be given by Rowland's band at Fantages theatre. The programme will include many attractive numbers, and the assisting soloists are Mrs. McConnan and Mrs. Thomson, soprano and J. O. Dunford, tenor. The band selections will be "Tancred" overture "Mikado" selections and a descriptive patrol.

For the Misses and the kids Left behind—who pays, who bids? Patriotic Aid Society, 1210 Broad St.

Metropolitan Choir Concert.—There was a big attendance at the concert given on Thursday evening by the choir of the Metropolitan Methodist church at the Salvation Army citadel. Rev. Dr. C. T. Scott was introduced to the meeting, and took the chair, his opening remarks being a tribute to the fine work which is being done here and elsewhere by the Salvation Army. He stated, incidentally, that he had relatives in the east who were officers of the Salvation Army. The programme was delightful, G. A. Downard acting as conductor, and many very pleasing numbers being sung by the choir as well as by the several soloists, all of whom received encores. The Salvation Army officers have expressed their thanks to all who took part in the proceedings.

Musical Entertainment.—Something unusual in the way of entertainment will be presented in the lecture room of St. Columba church, Oak Bay, on Wednesday, December 8, when twenty-three ladies will represent the manners and dress of our grandmothers, in the playlet, "An Old-Time Ladies' Aid Business Meeting." Mrs. Gleason, well-known as a reciter, is directing the play and taking one of the parts, and music will be furnished by Mrs. Roberts' orchestra. The doors will be opened at 7.30 and the orchestra will begin to play at 7.45. The ladies taking part are: Mesdames Gleason, Armstrong, Dowling, Gardner, Hyndman, Powley, Longford, Bernard, Kinnard, Shaw, Brindle, Switzer, Clarke, Gillespie, Gillespie, Watson and Misses Robertson, MacInnis, Norcross, Murdoch, Gravlin and Macconnell.

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There are numbers of dainty silks and sheer fabrics, such as taffeta, gros de Londres, soft satins, chiffons, nets, and novelty broadcases which are charmingly suited to dance and dinner frocks. Gros de Londres comes plain and striped, combining often two of the most delicate pastel shades. The soft satins and taffetas are particularly



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effective, under the web-like tunics now modish. Although many prefer the effective simple frock, others delight in the swaying of tiny ruffles and frills, and the swishing of crispy taffets and taffetas, panniers of filmy fabrics, puffed, shirred, and pleated, quaintly mimicking creations of 'twosies ago. These are carefully caught up and held in place by tiny clusters of rosebuds, or perhaps a single flower of lace, gold or silver. Metallic ornaments have supplanted trimmings of silk, buds and flowers, to a certain extent, and when used sparingly make most effective finishes.

The Scarf of Chiffon.
 As the frame is to the picture, so is the dainty, filmy scarf to the frock for evening wear; endless ideas may be carried out with these. They are beaded, embroidered, fringed and hand-colored; developed in the sheers of nets, chiffons, gauzes and wonderfully patterned Oriental fabrics, designed with visions of Hours and dreamy, harem beauties in mind. One of the many effective uses of the scarf is with the sleeveless gown; it may be draped in most becoming ways. A charming example of this was brought to my attention the other evening. The dress was of canary colored taffeta made with an eight gored skirt, in which alternating gored were of the canary taffeta and satin of a delicate blue. Each gore was rounded at the lower edge and finished with a narrow quilting of chiffon matching the taffeta bodice. Over this striking skirt hung a tunic of canary colored chiffon, while a wonderfully tinted scarf, with blended tones of canary color and blue, was draped around the shoulders in a wing-like arrangement giving the effect of sleeves when the arms were raised. The ends were wound loosely around the neck, quite as one would use the regular throw scarf of heavier material. It was exceedingly practical and pleased

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Egyptian novelties also, never failing in beauty, offer themselves for coat and wrap of maid and matron this season.

Aside From Gown and Wrap.
 One must not neglect footwear, slippers, stockings and the "under-mysteries" of the evening frock. Satin slippers in the delicate shade of the gown are first in favor, black patent leather with jeweled buckles, and black satin slippers come next for those a bit more practically inclined. The stockings generally match the frock in tone, or are of white.

The old-fashioned pantalette, scorned and laughed at since the days of hoops and Daguerotypes, are among the very daintiest and most feminine of evening accessories. They are of satin, chiffon or net, frilled, or fur-trimmed, and one merely catches a fleeting glimpse of them now and then, and thinks of them only as a very effective part of the frock.

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C. M. Collins, of Nanaimo, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

E. W. Stone, of Salt Spring Island, is at the Dominion hotel.

E. W. Amisen, of Duncan, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. and Miss Mitchell are stopping at the James Bay hotel.

Dr. L. T. Segvey, of Port Townsend, is at the Dominion hotel.

Capt. H. H. Marden, of Seattle, is staying at the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. Douglas Armour, of Vancouver, is a guest at the Empress hotel.

Dr. F. H. Moore, of Vancouver, is staying at the Hotel Strathcona.

H. A. Danforth, of Vancouver, is registered at the Hotel Strathcona.

Mrs. and Miss Carlin, Victoria, are registered at the James Bay hotel.

A. McKenzie and family, of Duncan, are staying at the Dominion hotel.

Ira H. Everett, of New York city, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday.

Mrs. T. Watters and family, of Nanaimo, are registered at the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. Whitworth and Miss Whitworth, of Vancouver, are guests of the Dominion hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Blackwood-Wileman, of Duncan, are staying at the Hotel Strathcona.

Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson, of Chilliwack, have arrived at the Hotel Strathcona.

Mr. and Mrs. Belcher, of Qualicum, were among yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. George P. Watt, Jr., of Montreal, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

S. A. Pearce, of Seattle, registered for himself and Mrs. Pearce at the Hotel Strathcona.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Clayton announce the engagement of their daughter Joyce to Peter E. McCarter, the marriage to take place at St. Mary's, Oak Bay, on December 11.

Mrs. Norman Yarrow will receive, for the first time since her marriage, with her mother on Tuesday afternoon, December 7, at 417 Douglas street, and afterwards on Wednesdays, December 8 and 15, at her own home, 948 Old Esquimaux road.

The new western manager of the C. P. R. hotel system, F. McMahon, arrived in the city yesterday with Mrs. McMahon, on his first inspection trip since taking over the duties of the office. Mr. McMahon comes from Quebec. It is understood he will have his headquarters in Winnipeg.

At the residence of Mrs. T. Dobbin, Wellington avenue, a marriage was celebrated on Wednesday, December 1, of Olive, daughter of S. G. King, of Owen Sound, Ont., and Lieut. G. M. Dwin, 5th Regiment, C. G. A. Rev. Dr. C. T. Scott, pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist church, officiated, the bride being given away by Rev. E. B. Glass, B. A. Mr. and Mrs. Dwin are spending their honeymoon touring the coast cities.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.
 Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 4.—5 a. m.—The barometer is steadily rising over the Pacific slope and moderate winds prevail along the coast, while from the Lower Mainland southward to California heavy rains have prevailed. The weather is mild in Northern B. C. and in most parts of the prairie provinces.

Forecast.
 For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Sunday. Victoria and vicinity: Moderate to fresh winds, mostly southerly, unsettled and mild, with rain.
 Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, unsettled and mild, with rain.
 Reports.
 Victoria—Barometer, 29.68; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 44; wind, 12 miles E.; rain, .30; weather, fair.
 Vancouver—Barometer, 29.65; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 42; wind, 6 miles E.; rain, .18; weather, fair.
 Entrance—Barometer, 29.62; temperature, maximum yesterday, 41; minimum, 44; wind, 8 miles S. E.; rain, .04; weather, cloudy.
 Kamloops—Barometer, 29.46; temperature, minimum yesterday, 38; wind, 15 miles E.; rain, .38; weather, cloudy.
 Barkerville—Barometer, 29.34; tempera-

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ture, maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 34; wind, 4 miles S. W.; rain, .50; weather, rain.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.26; temperature, maximum yesterday, 36; minimum, 46; wind, 12 miles S. E.; rain, .25; weather, rain.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 29.76; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 42; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, .48; weather, clear.

Seattle—Barometer, 29.74; temperature,



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maximum yesterday, 50; minimum, 44; wind, 12 miles S.; rain, .32; weather, clear.
 San Francisco—Barometer, 29.76; temperature, maximum yesterday, 60; minimum, 50; wind, 6 miles N. W.; rain, 2.22; weather, clear.
 Penticon—Temperature, maximum yesterday, 38; rain, .26.

Temperature. Max. Min.

Cranbrook	36	26
Nelson	38	28
Calgary	48	28
Edmonton	40	32
Qu'Appelle	28	14
Winnipeg	28	22
Toronto	32	22
Ottawa	30	20
Montreal	30	20
St. John	30	20
Halifax	34	20

Victoria Daily Weather.
 Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Friday.

Temperature.

Highest	50
Lowest	46
Average	45
Minimum on grass	43
Rain	.33 inch.
General state of weather	cloudy.

AT THE THEATRES
PANTAGES THEATRE.
 This week's splendid bill at Pantages will be given its last presentation this evening, when the girl and music show "Girls of the Orient" and the other big features may be seen and heard. Next week everything in the way of good vaudeville from grand moments of grand opera down to a trained bear that can skate, is included in the new programme which Pantages will stage next week. The stellar feature is billed as "Great Moments from Grand Opera," and affords Mme. Dore's Italian Grand Opera Company a chance to present excerpts from three well-known works. There are eleven in the company, six women and five men, all chosen for their vocal ability. The works they present, with special scenery and correct costumes for each, include the third act of Verdi's "La Traviata," the prison scene from Gounod's "Faust," and nearly the whole of one act of Bizet's "Carmen," including the ever-popular "Toreador Song."

As an added attraction there will be a perennially popular English comedienne, Laurie Ordway. She appears

element to relieve the more serious situations.

The Big Four, otherwise known as "The Kings of Harmony," present a number of popular songs, skillfully rendered with particular attention to artistic harmony.

And last but by no means least, will be Alice Teddy, the original roller-skating and wrestling bear.

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At a recruiting meeting recently held at Loughborough, Leicestershire, the Rev. R. J. Sturdee, vicar of St. Peter's, Loughborough, said that this was no ordinary war, because we were not fighting human beings but Germans. A member of the audience interjected the word "Devils." The speaker retorted, "No, don't insult the devil. We are fighting Germans."

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Creditors are required to file their claims against the said Company showing what security is held by them in respect thereof, and duly verified by Statutory Declaration, with Thomas Henry Slater, 511 Union Bank Building, Provisional Liquidator of the said Company, before the said 22nd day of December, 1915.

A meeting of the Contributors of the said Company will be held at the same place and for the same purpose at 5 o'clock in the afternoon of the said 22nd day of December, 1915.

A meeting of the Shareholders of the said Company will be held at the same place and for the same purpose at 5 o'clock in the afternoon of the said 22nd day of December, 1915.

MACFARLANE & BOYLE, Solicitors for the Provisional Liquidator, Union Bank Building, Victoria, B. C.

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A meeting of the Shareholders of the said Company will be held at the same place and for the same purpose at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon of the said 22nd day of December, 1915.

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Provincial Soldiers' Committee.—Permanent offices have been opened for the provincial committee which is to work in conjunction with the Military Hospitals committee in room 1, west wing, parliament buildings. The office is in charge of J. Hill, secretary of the committee, who is now engaged in organizing its work.

IMPROVE CONDITION OF INJURED SOLDIERS

Welcome Club Takes Matters Up With Government Representative; Soldiers Returning

A full report on the interview with Senator Loughheed last Saturday was presented to the Welcome club at its meeting last evening. The special committee which waited on the minister reviewed at length the circumstances which have arisen in connection with the return of soldiers from the front, with the object of impressing on the government the need for the improvement of the existing system of dealing with them.

The extension of the scope of the provincial committee so that it might become the main local authority. Better facilities for disabled men on the trains and rearrangement of the method of paying off men discharged as medically unfit, as well as greater latitude in the issuance of railway tickets to points which the men desire, without compelling them first to report at divisional headquarters.

A local hostel for the men where they may find immediate shelter and food. Better information with regard to the arrival of soldiers.

In case of the disablement fund being established, the committee sought to be kept in touch with the methods to be adopted in management.

The general committee adopted the report, which will be forwarded to the senator in a form of a memorandum of the proceedings at the interview.

A particular case of a man who has returned from England partially paralyzed, but did not get to the front, was the subject of a report to the military hospitals' commission, of which reference was made in the meeting.

The following returned soldiers are coming through to British Columbia from Quebec: the committee is informed: Charles, Prince Rupert; Meredith, Christie, White, O'Hara; Ahern and Burton, Victoria; Coxa, Duncan; Southin and Nelson, Ladysmith; Purves, Cuckey and Williamson, Vancouver; Beswick, Kamlopong; Johnstone, Summerland; Holmberg, Percher Island; and Sawrey, Rossland. This party left Quebec at noon yesterday.

THE LOST BOOKS. (Lines Dedicated to W. H. Price, Esq.) How awkward when you're questioned And Kingham's counsel does you bore About your books, just three, no more, On which you justly set such store.

Of course, if you could them get at You'd give that Jackson tit for tat. In fact, it might be more than that. You perhaps could lay him out quite flat.

Besides, the bright new facts they'd show. You always kept accounts "just so." If brought out now would cause your foe To bite the dust and keep quite low.

No wonder, then, that when you state You fear the garbage tins had ate Your three fine books and thus create A situation which you hate.

You much lament that all this din Was fostered by a garbage tin. But, maybe, on the side, you grin. And, with a wink, just-rub your chin. E. C.

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A GRIM JEST. To the Editor.—May I call your attention to a grim jest. A certain store is offering for sale copies of the enclosed picture-post card, also others in various designs. On the day of my visit several unsuspecting young people were buying them, probably to dispatch with other reasonable greetings to their fathers, uncles and brothers at the front. In a good light "Printed in Germany" can be plainly seen through the blacked out line.

For a khaki hero, especially if suffering some little inconvenience caused by a German bullet or a dose of nourishing gas, to receive such a love-token from the homeland would surely be "the irony of fate."

This card was neatly enclosed in a package intended for my young son, who is with a company of the City of London Rifle Brigade, somewhere in Flanders.

Dec. 3. MATER.

TO REDUCE YOUR WEIGHT EASILY AND QUICKLY. If you are over-stout the cause of your over-stoutness is lack of oxygen-carrying power in the blood and faulty assimilation of food. Too little is being made into the harder tissue of muscle and too much into little globules of fat. Therefore you should correct the mal-assimilation and increase the oxygen-carrying power of the blood. To do this, go to any good druggist and get oil of orleans, only sold in original packages and in capsule form, and take one capsule after each meal and one at bedtime. All your weight is reduced to what it should be on all parts of the body. The effect of oil of orleans in capsule form is remarkable as a weight reducer and it is perfectly safe. —E. J. T.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Abandons Trust Objects.—Abandonment of the trust features of their businesses is announced by Oscar Brown & Co., Ltd., and Robinson Contracting Co., Ltd.

Friendly Help Association.—The Friendly Help Association will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 7, at 11 o'clock, in the rooms, Market building.

Whist Drive.—The Purple Star Lodge, 104, L. O. B. A., will hold their fortnightly Whist drive in the Orange hall, Yates street, on Wednesday at 8 p. m.

Christmas Cheer.—All contributions of Christmas cheer for the C. C. M. hospital, at Van Anda, and the Industrial school, and Girls home, at Alert Bay, should be left at C. C. Cathedral Schoolroom, Quadra street on Wednesday, Dec. 8.

Sale of Home Cooking.—There will be a sale of home cooking and fancy work in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church schoolroom on Friday, December 10, from 3 to 5. The sale will be under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society, and there will be all manner of edibles at the various stalls.

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Change of Name.—The registrar of joint stock companies gives notice under the Trust Companies Act that the Yorkshire Guarantee and Securities Corporation, Limited, has changed its name and that it is now known as the Yorkshire and Canadian Trust, Limited.

Voters' Lists Posted.—Most of the municipalities posted their civic voters' lists at the respective municipal halls to-day, and those who have not hitherto done so will have them in place on Monday. Courts of revision will be held on Friday next. The city list is about the same as usual. It was posted at noon to-day.

Scotch Concert.—A Scotch concert will be held in Knox church, corner of Stanley and Gladstone on Wednesday evening, December 8. Lovers of good Scotch music should not miss this treat. A number of the leading musical artists of the city will take part, and the bagpipes will be played.

Timber Returns.—For the month of November the returns of the forestry branch of the land department shows that the cut amounted to 52,162,294 feet of sawlogs, 123,723 lineal feet of poles and posts and 1,469 cords of ties, shingles and fence posts. In the course of the month the timber sales by the department, aggregated 7,656,000 feet, for which there will be received in revenue \$10,817.

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Shipbuilding Plans.—The premier was interviewed yesterday by Hugh McLean, Vancouver, on the subject of shipbuilding. Mr. McLean and his associates are in favor of building wooden schooners, fitted with auxiliary power, and believe that in this way the lack of tonnage for lumber shipments from the province would be met. Return cargoes, Mr. McLean considers, could readily be obtained.

H. B. "Imperial" Lager Beer, pints, \$1.00 per dozen.

Adopted Resolution.—The following resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Natural History society held on November 29: "That in the death of our late member, E. F. Robinson, a past president of the society and one who had long been an active worker, the society has sustained an irreparable loss. Resolved that the condolence of the society be offered to the bereaved family, to whom and to the press, a copy of this resolution be sent."

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Day Nursery Meeting.—The Day Nursery committee met on Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Jenkins presiding. Reports for the month showed that there had been an average daily attendance of 19 children at the home. Gifts of vegetables, apples, potatoes and flour, as well as flannel nightdresses for small girls from 6 to 9 years of age would be appreciated. Thanks were expressed to Mrs. Leonholm, Mrs. Lewis Hall, Mrs. Fullerton, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Oldfield, Mrs. Bowser, Mrs. Prior and an unknown friend, for gifts and attentions during the month just past.

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Fifth Regiment Band.—At the Royal Victoria theatre to-morrow night the soloist for the weekly Fifth Regiment Band concert will be the popular tenor, R. B. McKenzie, while Bandman Raine will contribute a trombone solo. The programme is as follows: God Save the King; march, Social Life, Reeves; overture, Count of Essex, Mercadante; vocal solo, Peace and Rest (Batten), R. B. McKenzie; concert waltz, Dream Girl, Harleh; trombone solo, Out on the Deep (Lohr), Bandman Raine; vocal solo, Farewell to Summer, (Noel Johnson), R. B. McKenzie; Air Varice, Eventide, Rimmer; selection, The Balkan Princess, Rubens. Miss a-Murisset will act as accompanist, and Bandmaster W. J. Smith will, as usual, conduct the band numbers.

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SPORTING NEWS

SKINNER POULIN LEFT LAST NIGHT TO JOIN THE CANADIENS AT MONTREAL

Signing With Eastern Club Was Anticipated; N. H. A. Schedule Adopted; Harry Cameron Signs With Torontos

Skinner Poulin, the aggressive little hockey forward who has been connected with the Victoria team since the formation of the P. C. H. A., packed his trunk yesterday evening and departed on the midnight boat for the mainland, en route to Montreal, where he will play hockey with the Canadian team of that city this winter. Poulin stated before he left that he regretted leaving Victoria. He had always received; he stated, the best of treatment from the local public and the Patrieks, but was certain he could better himself by going east. In addition to his berth with the Canadiens Poulin has a position awaiting him. Poulin is not deserting the local team, for when Lester Patrick got word that he had received an offer from the Montreal club he told the player that if he thought he could better himself by going east he should do so. Poulin says that Patrick's offer to him was very satisfactory, but that his new position awaiting him in Montreal was too tempting a bait to refuse.

Poulin wishes to be remembered to all his local friends through the press, and to thank them for the splendid treatment they accorded him during his playing career in this city.

N. H. A. Schedule Adopted. Montreal, Dec. 2.—The directors of the National Hockey association at a special meeting held here to-night, adopted the schedule for the season 1915-16. There will be this year five clubs in the championship series—Toronto, Ottawa, Quebec and the Wanderers and Canadiens of Montreal. The schedule has been drawn up so as to

give each team 12 games at home during the season, with one team idle one night each week. An innovation is that some of the games will be played on Mondays, which has been necessitated through dropping out the Shamrocks of Toronto.

Schedule. The schedule was adopted as follows: Saturday, Dec. 18—Canadiens at Toronto; Quebec at Wanderers. Wednesday, Dec. 22—Toronto at Ottawa; Wanderers at Canadiens. Saturday, Dec. 25—Ottawa at Quebec; Wanderers at Toronto. Wednesday, Dec. 29—Ottawa at Wanderers; Canadiens at Quebec. Saturday, Jan. 1—Quebec at Toronto; Canadiens at Ottawa. Wednesday, Jan. 5—Toronto at Canadiens; Wanderers at Quebec. Saturday, Jan. 8—Quebec at Ottawa; Canadiens at Wanderers. Wednesday, Jan. 12—Ottawa at Toronto; Quebec at Canadiens. Saturday, Jan. 15—Ottawa at Canadiens; Toronto at Quebec. Monday, Jan. 17—Wanderers at Ottawa. Wednesday, Jan. 19—Toronto at Wanderers; Canadiens at Quebec. Saturday, Jan. 22—Canadiens at Toronto; Quebec at Wanderers. Monday, Jan. 24—Ottawa at Quebec. Wednesday, Jan. 26—Toronto at Ottawa; Wanderers at Canadiens. Saturday, Jan. 29—Ottawa at Wanderers; Toronto at Quebec. Monday, Jan. 31—Wanderers at Toronto. Wednesday, Feb. 2—Quebec at Ottawa; Canadiens at Wanderers. Saturday, Feb. 5—Toronto at Canadiens; Wanderers at Quebec. Monday, Feb. 7—Quebec at Toronto; Wanderers at Ottawa. Wednesday, Feb. 9—Ottawa at Canadiens; Toronto at Quebec. Saturday, Feb. 12—Toronto at Wanderers; Canadiens at Ottawa. Wednesday, Feb. 16—Ottawa at Toronto; Quebec at Canadiens. Saturday, Feb. 19—Wanderers at Canadiens; Toronto at Ottawa. Wednesday, Feb. 23—Ottawa at Wanderers; Toronto at Quebec. Saturday, Feb. 26—Ottawa at Toronto; Quebec at Canadiens. Monday, Feb. 28—Wanderers at Ottawa. Wednesday, March 1—Wanderers at Quebec; Toronto at Canadiens. Saturday, March 4—Canadiens at Wanderers; Quebec at Toronto. Wednesday, March 8—Quebec at Ottawa; Toronto at Wanderers. Saturday, March 11—Ottawa at Canadiens; Wanderers at Toronto. Monday, March 13—Ottawa at Quebec. Wednesday, March 15—Canadiens at Ottawa; Quebec at Wanderers. Saturday, March 18—Ottawa at Toronto. Cameron Signs. Toronto, Dec. 4.—Harry Cameron,

JOINS THE RANKS



BOSS JOHNSON

Popular local athlete, who has joined the Army Service corps. Boss is one of the best-known athletes in the province, having played lacrosse for the Victoria amateurs and later with the Vancouver professionals. He is also prominent on the Rugby and baseball fields.

the only regular player on the Toronto of the National Hockey association, who refused to accept offers of Frank Patrick to desert to the Pacific Coast association, has reported to E. J. Livingstone, of the Toronto. He is in good condition. With Cameron, the two Dennens and Skinner among other speedy men who are to appear on the team this season, the Torontos promise to turn out a first class scoring combination.

Have Signed Discard. Word comes from Montreal that the Wanderers club has succeeded in signing a goaltender who played in the coast circuit last winter.

It is rumored that the player referred to is Bert Lindsay, who was released by the Victoria club this spring. This is the only goalie that played in the P. C. H. A. last season who is free to sign. Mike Mitchell, who tended goal for Portland, is now in the army, and Hugh Lehman has signed with Vancouver.

Rosebuds Almost Complete. With the arrival of Del Irvine at Portland, the Rosebud roster now comprises eight players, though before the season opens Manager Savage expects to increase his fold to ten players. He claims to have signed Stan Marples, the rangy monarch wing player. A report from Winnipeg states that Marples received an offer from the Portland magnate, but that he rejected it. He was supposed to have departed from the prairies with Irvine. His transportation was forwarded him but he declined to take the plunge. Yesterday the following players were out practicing at the Portland Arena: Murray, Dunderdale, Tobin, Harris, Johnson, Oatman, Irvine, and Barbour.

O'LEARY IS BUSY. Winnipeg, Dec. 4.—Johnny O'Leary, Canadian lightweight champion, has sighted another match with Freddie Welsh. Tom Hatfield, a New Orleans promoter, wired O'Leary an offer to meet Joe Mandot or Frankie Russell in New Orleans about the middle of January, with a promise of a match with Welsh to the winner. O'Leary wired his acceptance to-night.

O'Leary fights Pal Brown or Mandot at Duluth on Dec. 17, returning to Canada for a bout with Kid Scaler at Edmonton, Dec. 30.

BROWN AND WELLING MATCHED. Minneapolis, Dec. 4.—Young Brown and Joe Welling, lightweights, have been matched to box ten rounds before the local sporting club on December 14.

Phoenix Stout—2 qts. for 25c.

VICTORIA LOSE BASKETBALL

Vancouver, Dec. 4.—Victoria High School's hopes of retaining the Thompson cup received a rude jolt last evening when the King Edward High school champions, of Vancouver, defeated the visitors at basketball, 21 to 16. It was a clean, scientific game. It was anticipated that the Victorians would win the basketball, while the King Edward school are top heavy favorites for this afternoon's Rugby match to be played at Brockton point.

INTIMATED CALIFORNIA STAR WILL RANK NO. 1

Wm. Johnston Favored for First Position; Miss Bjurstedt's Position

New York, Dec. 3.—Members of the executive committee of the United States National Lawn Tennis association met here to-night and accepted the report and listings of the ranking committee. The proceedings were in secret, but it was intimated that William M. Johnston, the San Francisco youth who won the national singles championship, headed the list of 1915. Miss Molla Bjurstedt headed the list of 25 women players. The report was offered by C. F. Inman, W. L. Pate and W. M. Hall, along with the women's list which had been prepared by Mrs. May Sutton Bundy, Mrs. B. F. Briggs and Mrs. W. H. Pouch. This list will be made public on Sunday, it was announced.

R. D. Wrenn, president of the association, who presided to-day, stated that an amendment to the constitution and by-laws would be offered at the annual meeting in this city in February, which would permit of admitting to national membership the associations of players using the public parks of the more important cities. Resolutions on the death of Anthony E. Wilding were presented by Craig Biddle of Philadelphia. They will be sent to Australia.

Among the others present were: Richard Stevens, of Houston, N. J.; E. F. Torrey, Clinton, N. Y.; W. M. Washburn, New York; C. F. Watson, Jr., Orange, N. Y.; A. L. Hoskins, Philadelphia; and George T. Adee, New York.

HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMP HAS ACCUMULATED BIG ROLL

New York, Dec. 4.—It's just a trifle over even months since Jess Willard became the heavyweight champion, but in that time he has earned approximately \$24,000—and not one dollar of it by the fight route.

Willard spent 140 days doing circuit stunts. He was guaranteed \$1,000 a day and he averaged \$1,500. That made his income from that source total \$168,000. He got \$26,000 for his newspaper writings and another \$20,000 or so through his theatrical venture.

Two hundred and fourteen thousand dollars in eight months! Yes, it surely pays to be a champion.

Of his income, however, it is said that Willard only got 60 per cent. of the gross—about \$130,000—the balance being divided among his managers. Tom Jones, chief manager for Willard, recently said that Willard has "salted" away a sum close to \$100,000, despite the fact that he paid \$25,000 to Harry Frazee and Lawrence Webber when he bought out their managerial interest in him.

And now Willard plans to go back into the fighting game, where \$20,000 pursues await him. If he retains his championship as long as his heavyweight predecessors it looks as if his hopes will be realized—the earning of \$500,000 before his pugilistic star sets.

KILBANE EASILY WON.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 4.—Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion, did about as he liked with Patsy Brannigan of Pittsburg for ten rounds here last night. The champion planted three or four solid right smashes on Brannigan's jaw in the third round, rocking the Pittsburger and putting him in a condition of distress that lasted the remainder of the bout.

DILLON VS. SMITH.

Milwaukee, Dec. 4.—Arrangements have practically been completed for a ten-round bout between Jack Dillon and Jeff Smith, to be staged here on December 17. Dillon has accepted terms, while it is expected that Smith will jump at the chance.

ANGUS DUFORD COMES TO TERMS WITH OTTAWA

Reported That Hamby Shore is Coming to Coast; Gerard Holds Out

Toronto, Dec. 4.—Angus Duford contradicts a dispatch from the coast last night in which it was stated that he will play for the Patrieks this season. Duford says he came to terms with the Ottawa yesterday and signed. He has wired Patrick of his decision to remain in the east.

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—Hamby Shore, one of the prominent members of the Ottawa Hockey club for several seasons, is leaving for the coast to-morrow to play, it is understood, with the Patrieks. He was unable to accept the Ottawa club terms, he said, and accepted an offer from P. C. H. A.

Eddie Gerard, another well-known player on the Ottawa team, is holding out for a higher salary than the Ottawa club is willing to pay him, and it is as yet uncertain how the situation will develop. Gerard, the club officials say, has not made the expected good showing since he plunged into the professional game two years ago, and the club officials are unwilling to advance on their original offer to him.

Frank Patrick was shown the above dispatch last night and admitted that Shore had been approached by the Pacific Coast league with a view to having him come west to play on one of the teams out here. The terms Hamby submitted were somewhat higher than the coast clubs are ready to pay him, but the matter is still in abeyance, and a satisfactory arrangement which will bring him west may yet be reached.

DENVER PROMOTERS ARE PEEVED AT POLLOK

Denver, Colo., Dec. 4.—Denver business men who offered a purse of \$15,000 to Freddie Welsh, lightweight champion, who, lose or draw, for a match with Charlie White, of Chicago, here in January next, announced to-night they would make no further effort to consummate the match. The announcement said, as word had been received from Welsh or his manager, Harry Pollok, up to noon, the time limit for acceptance.

The formal statement signed by Guy K. Harrison recites that a representative to Chicago with \$5,000 cash, to head the match, requested was "treated with scant business courtesy," although sporting editors of the country generally agreed the offer was "the largest, fairest and best ever made on a similar proposition." It says Pollok declined to close the deal, intimating other offers had been received.

"From now on," the statement concludes, "overtures must come from the boxers and a re-opening of our offer depends entirely on the fairness of the business methods by which we are approached."

SOMERS WANTS TO QUIT.

Cleveland, Dec. 4.—It was announced to-day that the Cleveland American league club will be sold unless President Ban Johnson, of the American league, can convince its owners, Chas. W. Somers, and the bankers' committee in charge of his affairs that it will be to his interest to retain the property.

President Johnson is expected here next week to discuss the situation, George W. Stone, head of the bankers' committee, said to-day.

CARLISLE TO DROP FOOTBALL.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The Carlisle team will not be a contender in future intercollegiate football games, as a result of a decision by Secretary Lane to-day, after conference with Commissioner Sells, of the Indian service, and Supt. Lipps, of the Carlisle Indian school.

Secretary Lane held that in the future football must be subordinated to the educational features of the school.

BUILD GOLF COURSE.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Golf course construction has been added to studies at the University of Illinois, which is believed to be the first of the leading educational institutions to adopt such a plan. Tom Bendalow has been engaged as instructor.

TO QUIT BASEBALL.

Minneapolis, Dec. 4.—The University of Minnesota senate, a faculty body, controlling university activities, decided last night to abolish intercollegiate baseball at the university.

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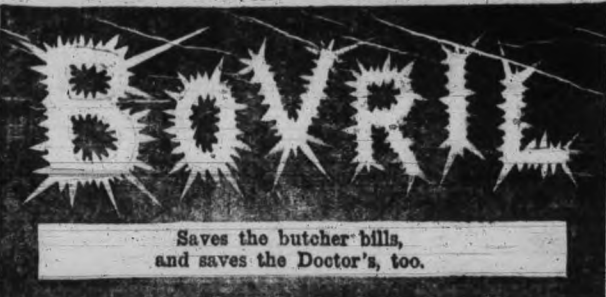
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GOOD SUM REALIZED FROM ART EXHIBITION

Instalment of \$510 Turned Over to Red Cross Fund; More to Come

On Friday afternoon the treasurer of the Red Cross funds received a cheque for \$510 from the Island Arts and Crafts club, being the first instalment of the receipts from the Red Cross art exhibition held recently under the auspices of the club. Notwithstanding the stormy weather which interfered with the attendance during three of the five days the exhibition was open, the show was an unqualified success, both artistically and financially. There will be still a further sum to accrue to the fund from the sale of those donations not disposed of during the exhibition, which will be sold by auction, raffle or in some other manner to be decided by the committee in charge.

Not a little of the success of the exhibition was due to the generous manner in which the friends of the club rallied to its support. At the meeting of the executive last week votes of thanks were passed to Messrs. Carter, McKenzie & Co., J. C. Carter, Weller & Co., the daily and weekly press, the management of the Union Bank building, and many others whose loans or gifts made the running of the show more successful.

Amongst the contributors of donations to the Red Cross sale room were the following: Dr. and Mrs. Hasell, Mr. and Mrs. Shallock, Mrs. Hanington, Mrs. M. McVicker, Mrs. W. Roper, Mrs. Hall, Messrs. Sommer & Sons,

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Those who assisted in the sale room during the week were: Mrs. H. P. Heming, Miss Dawson, Miss Amy Angus, Miss Warren, Miss Grace Robertson, Miss Jeffrey, Mrs. Chater Payne, Miss Eunice Bowser, the Misses Pemberton, Miss Suzette Blackwood, Mrs. Shulcross, Mrs. Love, and Miss Alexander.

In the tea room also, which proved a popular feature of the exhibition, the general attractiveness was enhanced by the ladies who came to Mrs. Hasell's assistance during the week. Among these were: Mrs. F. B. Pemberton, Mrs. H. G. Garrett, Mrs. Cunliffe, Miss Bridgman, Miss D. Irving, the Misses MacDowell, Miss Ferguson, the Misses Pemberton, the Misses Meredith Jones, Miss Lona Holmes, Mrs. Littler, Miss Eleanor Taylor, Miss Hilda Fleming, Miss Gordon, and Mrs. Hasell.

ST. MARK'S XMAS SALE

Handsome Sum Realized by Ladies' Guild at Annual Sale of Work.

The Ladies' Guild of St. Mark's parish held a very successful sale of work in the parish hall on Thursday, both in the number and variety of the articles on sale, the attendance and the financial results. The ladies of the guild, under the presidency of Mrs. Williams, had worked hard for the success of this annual event, and were gratified to find that even in spite of hard times their efforts were so fruitful.

Mrs. Scriven very kindly went out and opened the sale, expressing her pleasure at being able to do this. During the afternoon and evening there was a constant stream of visitors and purchasers at the various stalls. The tea-room was daintily set out and decorated by Mrs. Carver and was much patronized. The stall-holders were:

Plain clothing, Mrs. Goodwin and Mrs. Harris; fancy stall, Mrs. McElfish and Mrs. Hodgkinson; jumble stall, Miss Cawley; home cooking, Mrs. Watson and Lamphere; candy, Mrs. Hibberson; knitting, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Scoles; art stall, Mrs. Hales; men's stall, Mr. Riley; fish pond, Mrs. Levings.

The girls' branch of the W. A. to Missions had also a stall and were quite successful in the receipts. The amount realized by the sale was something over \$200. The ladies of the guild desire to extend their thanks to all who assisted them in any way and did so much to make the affair go off so well.

The incidence of the aggressor is usually proportioned to the lameness of the sufferer.—Amae.

Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not absence of fear.—St. Clement.

WOULD CONVEY POWER OF GRANTING RELIEF

Resolution for Monday's Council Embraces Important Principle; Other Matters

An important notice of motion given by Alderman Dilworth to be introduced in city council on Monday evening. The resolution would instruct the city solicitor to place a clause in the private bill, which will be advertised next week to enable the council, by approval of three-fourths of its membership, to give relief to owners suffering under conditions such as prevail on Dundas street and similar thoroughfares, where local improvement is alleged to have prejudicially affected the property.

The private bill will seek ratification of agreements with property owners as to the method of assessing, and levying taxes under certain by-laws which it is desirable to close up.

It is expected a full report will be made on the list of reports from departmental heads itemizing their respective staffs on various dates in the past three years. While the list is brought down to October 31, an effort will now be made to extend it to November 31.

A report will be submitted with regard to putting the quarters in the market building recently occupied by the detective department into shape for the use of the Friendly Help association. This proposal will only cover the period of the Christmas hamper distribution. The future use of this valuable property will be left over to be determined by the city council.

Attention is to be given to the proposal to connect up the Sooke pressure main with the salt water system. An undertaking in writing from the Underwriters' association will be insisted upon.

OPPOSE NEW ORDER

Automobilists Think Customs Regulation Will Be to Detriment of the Tourist Business.

The new customs regulation issued from Ottawa last month to the effect that persons bringing into Canada automobiles manufactured abroad can keep them in the country for ten days without payment of a bond is being objected to by the Island automobile association. It is held by the association that the new regulation will harm the tourist business in the province.

The former customs' order allowed fourteen days without the posting of a money bond, and the association, working in conjunction with other automobile associations formerly was trying to get this time lengthened.

The secretary of the local association, G. J. Harris, said this morning that the matter was to be taken up by the board of governors of the Island Automobile association. They will consider what steps are best in regard to getting the customs department to remove this bar to tourist trade.

88TH BAND CONCERT.

Eighth Weekly Concert Will Be Held To-morrow Evening at the Variety Theatre.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. H. J. Rouse-Cullin and officers of the regiment, the band of the 88th Battalion C. E. F., under the direction of Bandmaster Rumsby, will give the eighth of their regular weekly concerts in the Variety theatre to-morrow night at 8.45 p. m. The soloist of the evening will be Corp. Griffin, accompanied by the band. The musical programme arranged by the bandmaster is as follows:

- March—Old Comrades Tike
- Overture—If I Were King Adam
- Song—"Till the Boys Come Home" Corp. Griffin, accompanied by the Band.
- Serenade—Italienne Calbulka
- Valse—Lysistrata Lincke
- Song—"The Boys of the Old Brigade" Corp. Griffin, accompanied by the Band.
- Selection—The Red Hussar, Planquette
- Chorus—Hallelujah Handel
- God Save the King.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS

VICTORIA VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 4, 1915. Regimental orders by Capt. D. E. McConnan, R. O., commanding. Appointments—To be adjutant, Capt. W. Crow; to be lieutenant commanding No. 1 platoon, Regt. Sergt.-Major L. R. Teale.

Parade—The reserve will parade at the new drill, McBride street, Monday, at 8 p. m.

W. CROW, Adjutant.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS.

Lieut.-Col. Gregory, commanding. Company and recruit drill on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 8 p. m. sharp, new drill hall, Bay street.

Maywood company, on Thursday, Dec. 8, Tolmie school, Boleskine road. Members are requested to wear their uniforms.

Ambulance class, Friday Dec. 10, at 8 p. m., at headquarters.

By order GEORGE J. GRIMASON, Captain.

Legion of Frontiersmen. Meeting.—A general meeting will be held at headquarters, December 8, at 8 p. m. sharp. All Frontiersmen in the city and district are requested to attend, and all men who have returned to Victoria from the front are cordially invited to be present. The Frontiers-

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HOPE TO CONTINUE PLOTS IN STATES

(Continued from page 1)

von Papen, co-jointly with Dr. Dumba, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador, who was recalled at the request of the United States, and that Captain Boy-Ed met Huerta several times in his rooms in New York city and practically directed the entire plot by which Huerta was provided with several hundred thousand dollars and assured support of both large numbers of men and great quantities of ammunition as soon as he reached the Mexican border.

The charges against Captain von Papen, which the administration has recognized as being complete proof of his guilt and improper activities, began with the discovery of the Huerta plot, and again were proved true by the disclosures made in the letters of Dr. Dumba carried to Europe by J. F. J. Archibald, which distinctly associated von Papen with his own propaganda in the attempt to kill off the munitions industries in this country.

Hope to Continue Plots. "Both Captain Boy-Ed and Captain von Papen will be succeeded immediately by new attaches. The Journal has positive information, however, to the effect that the propaganda work with which they have been associated will be carried on to a greater extent than ever."

A dispatch from Washington to the Journal last night said: "Captain Boy-Ed will arrive in Washington tomorrow morning and Captain von Papen will reach Washington tomorrow afternoon. Both will receive the formal notice of their recall at the German embassy in the evening. Count von Bernstorff arrived in Washington early this morning from

BARON BRINCKEN HAD PART IN PLOTS

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New York, where he had a secret conference last night with Captain Boy-Ed."

Rumors that the Crowley case may result in a demand for the recall of Consul-General Bopp along with von Papen and Boy-Ed are current in federal circles.

It has been intimated by persons in a position to speak authoritatively that Louis J. Smith's story concerning the operations of Crowley and himself led on several occasions to the summer home of the German ambassador, Count von Bernstorff, at Cedarhurst, L. I., where von Papen and Boy-Ed also made their summer headquarters.

J. P. O'Brien, attorney for Crowley, stated that his client had been offered immunity if he would tell a complete story concerning the activities of "higher ups." O'Brien announced that the offer would not be considered. He maintained that Crowley's work had been entirely legitimate.

Among the witnesses said to be on the way here to testify on Monday are Samuel S. Murphy, a miner of Bingham, Utah, who is expected to testify about an attempt to employ him to assist in blowing up the plant of the Hercules Powder company at Bachus, Utah; and Louis Boyle, pilot, and R. L. Harris, stoker on the freighter Snoqualmie, of Seattle, who will testify, it is understood, regarding the dynamiting in Seattle harbor last May of a barge of dynamite consigned to the Russian government.

RESCUING CHOPIN'S HEART.

Before the Russians left Warsaw they sent away from that city its most precious relic, the heart of Chopin, which had been kept in a casket in the church of the Holy Cross there since 1849. It is now in a place of safety at Moscow. Shelley's heart was also preserved in a casket. When the poet was drowned off Leghorn in 1822 his body was cremated by Byron, Leigh Hunt and Trelawney, and his heart rescued from the flames by the last named. When King Robert Bruce of Scotland died in 1290 his heart, too, was

RESCUING CHOPIN'S HEART.

preserved in a casket. It was given to his friend, Sir James Douglas, and buried in Jerusalem. On his way out to Palestine Sir James Douglas fell, fighting against the Moors in Spain, and as he fell he threw the precious relic before him in the battlefield, crying out: "Now pass onward as thou were wont, and Douglas will follow thee or die." The heart was found next day by Sir Simon Leigh, who brought it back to Scotland, where it was buried in the monastery of Melrose.

"Was the temperance lecturer amusing?" "Yes, he had a great deal of dry humor!"

Cholly (to shopman)—I say—aw—could you take that yellow tie with the pink spots out of the window? Hooper—Yes, sir. Pleased to take anything out of the window, sir. Cholly—Thanks, awfy! The beastly thing bothers me every time I pass. Good-morning.

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AUTO STAND TOOK ALL THREE GAMES

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Table with 4 columns: Name, Score, Average, Total. Rows include Auto Stand, Primers, Morley, Hanover, Burgess, Wood, Totals.

BLOOM BEATEN.

New York, Dec. 4.—Johnny Dundee conquered Phil Bloom last night by his wonderful aggressiveness. When Bloom would stand off, and on many occasions outbox John, the little wop would tear in and beat Bloom up with stinging wallops.

THEATRE REOPENS.

Drew Vaudeville and Stock Company Will Put on Two Shows Each Evening.

On Monday the Princess theatre will be re-opened by John E. Drew and his vaudeville and comedy stock company, including a large chorus of young ladies who are termed the "Canadian Beauties." Two shows a night will be presented at 7:30 and 9 o'clock, the prices will be ten cents and twenty cents. The opening performance will include a sketch entitled "The Lawyer's Clerk," some vaudeville, and a comedy play introducing the choruses entitled "A Fool and His Money." One talented member of the company is Miss Ernest E. Diddy, a mezzo soprano, who will render some sentimental songs.

St. Barnabas Church.—On Wednesday next, at 8:30 p. m., in St. Barnabas schoolroom, Fr. Napier Denison will deliver his well-known lecture, "Other Worlds Than Ours." This will be the second of a series of weekly lectures to be given under the auspices of St. Barnabas church. The lecture will be illustrated with splendid lantern pictures. The next of the series will be given on Wednesday, Dec. 15, by Rev. Robt. Connell, rector of St. Saviour's, Victoria West, who will speak on "Geology."

Nothing should shake the truly great spirit but that which is sufficiently mighty to destroy it.—Shelley.

TIMES SHIPPING CHART

Shipping chart table with columns for Steamer, Master, Tonnage, Agents, From, Due. Includes sections for Deep Sea Arrivals, Deep Sea Departures, and Coastwise Services.

PUTS BACK FROM SEA TO READJUST CARGO

Hokkai Maru Was Too Tender in Heavy Swell Off Cape Flattery; Seaman Hurt

Poor stowage of the cargo which endangered the safety of his ship, caused Capt. Seugashi, master of the Japanese steamer Hokkai Maru, to discontinue his voyage to Vladivostok after being outside Cape Flattery for two hours yesterday, and to return to Victoria and report to the charterers, Robert Dollar & Co. It is understood that Capt. Seugashi wants the cargo restored before resuming his trip, but it is not known whether this will be done or not.

Capt. Gow, port captain of Robert Dollar & Co., arrived from Seattle this morning on the steamer Sol Duc, and immediately went out in a launch to survey the Hokkai, which is anchored near William Head. If he finds it necessary to restore the cargo, the work will most likely be done at the outer docks, although there is a report that she will be ordered to Seattle.

Very little damage was suffered by the Hokkai Maru. Her bulwarks on the starboard side are bulging outwards through the shifting of some of the floors of flat cars which were stowed in the well. Capt. Seugashi took precautions, and as the ship proved very tender in the heavy swell, which was running off the coast, he decided not to venture too far out on the Pacific, where fatal consequences might have attended the vessel.

The Hokkai Maru was loaded in Tacoma and carries a full cargo for Vladivostok. Large quantities of iron and trucks of the flat cars are stowed in the hold and lighter cargo in the 'tween decks. As a deck cargo she carries the floors of flat cars. There are 50 of them on deck and each weighs six tons. They are 50 feet long, 9 feet wide and 18 inches thick.

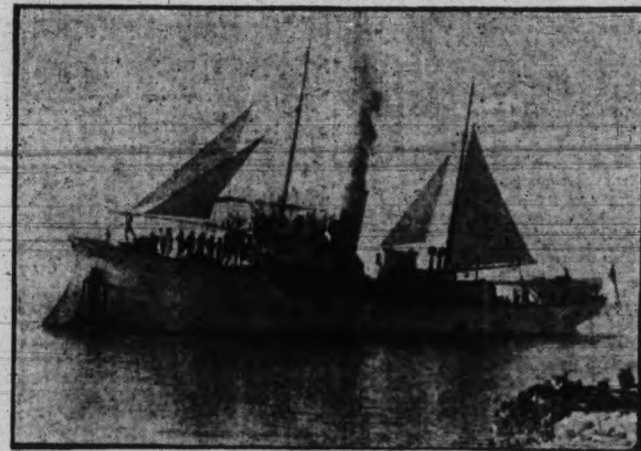
The Hokkai left Tacoma on Thursday night and yesterday morning at 8:30 o'clock passed out at Cape Flattery. She encountered a very heavy swell and rolled very badly. The floors of the cars in the after well strained the bulwarks and pressed them outwards considerably. Nothing gave way, however, and the ship righted herself without trouble. Capt. Seugashi then decided to put back and have the cargo restored. Late last evening the ship arrived at William Head and dropped her anchor.

One of the Japanese sailors had his leg severely injured while working on the deck tightening the lashings after the cargo had moved. Dr. Neilson, quarantine officer, went off to the ship last night and attended to the man.

TIDE TABLE.

Tide table with columns for Date, Time, High, Low, Time, High, Low. Includes a note about height in feet and tenths of a foot above the average level of lower low water.

ON HER ROUNDS OF THE SOUTH SEA ISLANDS



S. S. KESTREL. This well-known steamer is seen off one of the islands in the South Sea at which she calls. The photograph was received a few days ago from Fanning Island. The Kestrel was formerly a fishery cruiser operating out of this port, and after being condemned by the Dominion government was sold to people interested in the Fanning Islands. The Kestrel operates between Honolulu and Fanning Island, calling at smaller islands en route.

TWO SCHOONERS ARE LOST ON ATLANTIC

Elizabeth Bound From France to Bay Chaleur Aground and Linah Camenshi Sunk

Sydney, N. S. Dec. 4.—The schooner Elizabeth, bound from France to Bay Chaleur in ballast, went ashore at Green Cove near Ingonish Wednesday night, and is a total wreck. The captain and crew are safe. Great waves kicked up by a terrific storm threw the vessel far ashore, and to-day she lies a battered and broken hulk far out of reach of the sea.

New York, Dec. 4.—The American schooner Linah Camenshi was sunk off Cape Hatteras to-day in a collision with the Spanish steamer Cande Wilfredo, according to a wireless message from the Spanish steamship transmitted to the Marconi wireless station at Miami, Fla. The crew was saved.

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 4.—The American owned freighter City of Bangor is on the rocks at Isle Royale. The Port Arthur tugs Whalen and Bowman with a wrecking outfit, have gone to her assistance.

Philadelphia, Dec. 4.—Agents in this city of the British steamship Langdon Hall, sunk by a submarine, understand that the vessel was heavily loaded with a general cargo made up mostly of fuel, coal and other skins, burlap and cocoanut oil. It is believed the Langdon Hall's cargo was worth \$500,000.

EXPECT INQUIRY INTO WEST COAST DISASTER

Capt. Macpherson Awaiting Instructions From Ottawa; to Look After Survivors

There is every likelihood that a marine inquiry into the loss of the Chilean ship Caremapu will be held in this city. Capt. J. D. Macpherson, wreck commissioner, has wired to the heads at Ottawa apprising them of the circumstances surrounding the disaster, and is now awaiting a reply as to whether he shall hold an inquiry or not. An allegation has been made by some of the survivors that the ship did not carry a sufficient number of lifeboats. The inquiry would be able to settle this point, and also secure further details as to the cause of the accident.

Chilean Consul Here. To arrange for the needs of the survivors of the Caremapu upon their arrival in Victoria next week, Luis Santander, Chilean consul at Seattle, was in this city yesterday. The men will be taken to the detention building until their deportation papers are made out. It is believed that Ricardo Diez, the passenger who was bound for the University of Washington, Seattle, to study, will be allowed to proceed to his destination, and Capt. Desolmes will probably join some other Chilean craft on the Sound. The three members of the crew will be deported to Valparaiso, where they signed on, unless they can get berths on some other ship.

Mr. Santander was accompanied by the Chilean consul at Washington, D. C., to look after the survivors. He immediately made arrangements for their transportation to Victoria, and sent moneys for that purpose to Claycoquet when the steamer Tees left on Wednesday night. The shipwrecked mariners will leave the west coast port on December 6 and will be here either late the following day or early on December 8. The survivors have all recovered from their terrific ordeal and are being well cared for. Capt. Desolmes and Diez are at Mr. Cooper's home at Long Beach, and every day he goes down to the shores to have a look at the remains of his sturdy ship. Several things have come ashore from the Caremapu, and on one occasion the captain was able to board her. The three other survivors are staying at the Claycoquet hotel, and although they are still nursing bruises and cuts, they are well, happy and thankful that they are alive.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Aberdeen, Dec. 3.—Arrived: Str. Helene, from San Francisco. Sailed: Str. Fair Oakes, for Callao. Hoquiam, Dec. 3.—Steam schr. Fair Oakes departed to-day for Callao, Peru, with a full cargo of lumber from Grays harbor mills. This is the first sailing of a steam schooner for the west coast from this port. This class of vessel has been used almost exclusively in the coasting trade. The Fair Oakes was formerly the Robert Dollar, of the Dollar fleet. She is a vessel of the steam schooner type and carries about 1,000,000 feet.

Astoria, Dec. 3.—Arrived: Str. Santa Monica, from San Francisco; str. Multnomah, from San Francisco; str. Rose City, from San Francisco; str. Despatch, from Alaska via Seattle; str. Shasta, from San Francisco. Sailed: Str. Beaver, from San Francisco; str. John Paulsen, from San Francisco. Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 3.—Sailed: Str. Arna, for the United Kingdom, at daylight; str. Lyman Stewart, for Richmond Beach, at daylight. Tacoma, Dec. 3.—Sailed: Str. Hyades, for Seattle; str. Wm. Chatham, for west coast via Port Angeles. Arrived: Str. Admiral Dewey, from Seattle; str. Hornet, from Du Pont. Nanaimo, B. C., Dec. 3.—Arrived and sailed: Str. Arna, from Vancouver, B. C., for Seattle.

Bellingham, Dec. 3.—Arrived: Str. Washburn, from San Francisco. Sailed: Str. Simons, for Anlofoasta. San Pedro, Dec. 3.—During October and November thirteen steamers called for municipal pilots. Their aggregate tonnage is 24,484. Had it not been for the closing of the Panama canal the number of vessels arriving during the past month would have been much larger. Over 5,000,000 feet of lumber arrived to-day aboard eight steam schooners which were barbound last week at northern ports on account of the southern storm blowing along the northern coast. Steamers arriving to-day were the Shoshone, Nehalem, J. B. Stetson, Doris and Svea, from Grays harbor; Lakme and Ravalli, from Eureka, and the Raymond, from Raymond. The Raymond sailed for Santa Barbara after discharging a partial cargo. The steamer Thomas L. Ward sailed for Puget Sound and the str. A. M. Simpson for Cobscook Bay in ballast. The American-Hawaiian str. Columbian is due here to-morrow from New York. The str. Loran arrived to-day from Boston. With the str. Minnetonka, which arrived here a few days ago, the American-Hawaiian line will have discharged nearly 6,000 tons of cargo here this week, all of which came via the Strait of Magellan. Out of 215 able seamen who have applied to local inspectors for certificates, but eight have failed to pass the medical examination. This is a much smaller proportion than the failures at other Pacific coast ports, Seattle having the highest percentage of failures. Applications do not include 296 certified fireboat men, who are not required to take medical examinations.

Seattle, Dec. 3.—Arrived: Str. Queen, San Diego, via San Francisco; str. Admiral Dewey, San Francisco; str. Hyades, Tacoma. Sailed: Str. Northwestern, Southwestern, via Southeastern Alaska; str. Mills, Port San Luis; str. President, San Diego, via Victoria, B. C., and San Francisco; str. Redondo, LadySmith, B. C.; str. Admiral Dewey, Tacoma; str. Prince Rupert, Prince Rupert, B. C., via way ports. Newport, Eng., Dec. 1.—Arrived: Str. Biagio O., from Tacoma, thence May 21, New York, Dec. 2.—Arrived: Str. Montanan and str. American, from Seattle via Magellan. Buenos Aires, Dec. 2.—Sailed: Str. Windler, from Bellingham for New York.

Hongkong, Dec. 2.—Sailed: Str. Chicago Maru, for Seattle via ports. Honolulu, Dec. 2.—Sailed: Str. Niagara, for Sidney, N. S. W. Balboa, Dec. 3.—Arrived: Str. San Juan, from San Francisco. Yokohama, Dec. 1.—Arrived: Str. Ixion, from Seattle. Las Palmas, Dec. 1.—Arrived: Str. Korea, from San Francisco. Arica, Dec. 2.—Arrived: Str. Stanley DoHar, from San Francisco. Valparaiso, Dec. 2.—Arrived: Str. Tampico, from Portland, Ore.; str. Tricolor, from San Francisco. Wellington, Dec. 2.—Arrived: Str. Maitai, from San Francisco; str. Wairuna, from San Francisco. Hongkong, Dec. 1.—Sailed: Str. Saikai Maru, for Seattle. San Francisco, Dec. 3.—Arrived: Str. Mukittoo, from Tacoma and Mukittoo, towing the bge. Charles Nelson from Port Angeles; str. Ateco from Brisbane; str. De Soto, from Vancouver. Sailed: Strs. Temple E. Dorr and Norwood, for Grays harbor; str. George W. Elder, for Portland. The salvage str. Inque and tug Dauntless will be dispatched to-day to the assistance of the str. Minnetonka.

ALL DAMAGE ON SADO HAS BEEN REPAIRED

Japanese Liner Putting to Sea This Afternoon; Many Passengers Leaving

Prepared for another battle with the elements, but not over-anxious to get implicated in one, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Sado Maru, Capt. Asakawa, is leaving port this afternoon for the Orient. Two weeks ago to-morrow the big Japanese liner arrived from Yokohama badly smashed. While at Seattle a gang of mechanics, was employed repairing the damage. The steering gear, which was broken by a big sea, leaving the ship helpless in mid-Pacific for three days, is now in good working order, and the injuries to the railings, lifeboat and poop have been adjusted and repaired. The repairs necessarily took some days to make, and in order that the Sado would not be delayed in sailing, the longshoremen at Seattle worked night and day taking out and putting in cargo. The ship is filled to her capacity with 7,000 tons of flour, machinery, condensed milk, cigarettes and tobacco, drygoods and general merchandise.

Full Passenger List. A full list of both saloon and steerage passengers is leaving on the Sado. Among the first-class travellers who will embark at Victoria are the following: Mr. and Mrs. B. Casey, Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Martin, and Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Montgomery, who are booked to Hongkong, and A. C. Lamb, who is going as far as Yokohama. One hundred and twenty-five steerage passengers, mostly Chinese, will join the ship here, and this number will practically fill the third-class quarters to their capacity. There is a heavy movement of Celestials to the Orient at the present time. Capt. Asakawa, master of the ship, who was so seriously injured while nursing his ship through the terrific storm on the inward voyage, is recovering rapidly. His knee, which was seriously injured, and which swelled to nearly double its normal size, is still tender, and very little weight can be placed on it.

MASTER'S LICENSE REVOKED. Portland, Ore., Dec. 4.—The license of Capt. August Lofstedt, master of the North-Pacific Steamship company's steamer Santa Clara, which was wrecked with the loss of a number of lives, at the mouth of Coos bay on November 2, has been revoked, according to an announcement made public here yesterday. His license would have expired on January 16, 1916, and at that time he will be given opportunity to apply to the federal inspectors of hulls and boilers here for a new license.

Capt. Lofstedt admitted to the inspectors at a hearing held here several days ago that the wreck was caused by failure of the steam steering gear to work and inability to substitute hand-steering gear. Bion B. Whitney and Harry C. Lord, federal inspectors, stationed at Seattle, rendered judgment in the case.

LIGHT PASSENGER LIST. The Pacific Coast steamship President, Capt. Zeh, sailed from Victoria last evening at 8 o'clock for San Francisco. She carried one of the lightest list of passengers to go south in many months. There were 160 travellers all told and 33 embarked at this port.

RED CROSS HOLLY SHOWER. As stated in preliminary notices, the Red Cross society has made arrangements with the Victoria Holly Export company for the shipment of berried holly clippings, and now appeals for delivery. The holly will be handled at No. 755 View street (the premises formerly occupied by Messrs. Stewart Williams & Co.). To avoid congestion or loss by delay in shipping, deliveries are requested as follows: From Oak Bay and Uplands on December 6 and 7. From area between Fort street and the sea, west of Beacon Hill, on December 8 and 9. From James Bay and Beacon Hill on December 10 and 11. From area between Fort street and Hillside avenue on December 13 and 14. From area between Hillside avenue and Spanish boundary on December 15 and 16. From Saanich and other districts not covered by above list, deliveries are asked as may be convenient between December 6 and 18. Contributors are requested to cut only berried clippings, to make these as large as convenient without spoiling trees or including too much heavy wood, and not to crush the holly and to deliver it at 755 View street the same day as cut. Those who cannot deliver their gift at 755 View street, are requested to telephone No. 254, and a motor will call for it. Those who cannot cut the holly should telephone the same number, giving name, address and number of trees, and whether or not a ladder is required. Experienced men will then be sent to cut it. A traveller in the Orient asked a pasha, "Is your civil service like ours? Are there retiring allowances and pensions?" "My illustrious friend," replied the pasha, "the public functionary here who stands in need of a retiring allowance when his term of office expires is a fool!" J. B. "Imperial" Lager Beer, pints \$1.00 per dozen.

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ANGLICAN.

Christ Church Cathedral, Burdett avenue. Holy communion 8 a. m.; matins and sermon 11 a. m.; evening service, 7 p. m. Rev. D. M. Ross will preach in morning and rector in evening.

LUTHERAN.

St. Mary's, Burns street, Oak Bay. Holy communion at 8 a. m.; military parade, 9:30 a. m.; matins and sermon at 11 a. m. Rev. G. H. Andrews, M. A., rector.

UNITARIAN.

First church, Fernwood road and Figgard street, corner at 11 Rev. Walter Latham, pastor.

METHODIST.

Metropolitan, corner of Pandora and Quadra streets. Pastor, Rev. C. T. Scott, B. A., D. D. Class meeting, 10 a. m. Sunday school, 10:30 a. m.

REFORMED EPISCOPAL.

Church of Our Lord, corner Blanchard and Humboldt streets. Rector, Rev. A. de B. Owen. Morning service with holy communion, 11 a. m.; evening service, 7 p. m.

BAPTIST.

Emmanuel, corner Fernwood road and Gladstone avenue. Rev. W. A. Macdonald, minister. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school, 10:30 a. m.

PRESBYTERIAN.

First, corner of Quadra and Figgard streets. Minister, Rev. J. G. Inkster, B. A. will preach at both services. Popular people's service at 7:30. Sunday school and Bible classes, 9:45 a. m.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Congregational church, corner Quadra and Mason streets. Rev. Charles A. Sykes, D. D., pastor. Regular services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.

Society of Friends, meeting house, Fern street (off Fort street). Meeting for worship, 11 a. m. Evening special address by Henry Clark, 7 o'clock.

BIBLE STUDENTS.

Associated Bible Students meet in I. B. S. hall, Yates street. Bible study, 11 a. m.; special lecture on Theology by J. H. Bartlett at 7:30 p. m.; evening address at 7:30.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

St. Joseph's church, Beaufort. Holy communion at 7:45 a. m.; Mass, sermon and benediction at 11 a. m.; Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.

OTHER MEETINGS.

Connaught Seaman's Institute. J. Wright Hill, secretary and port missionary. The Psychic Research society will hold their Sunday service in the hall, 715 Courtney street, at 8 and 7:30 p. m.

Victoria's Christadelphian Ecclesia. 1500 hall, corner Cedar Hill road and Hillebrand street. Sunday school, 10 a. m.; morning meeting, 11 o'clock; Bible address, 7:30 p. m.

Christians gathered to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ meet in Pandora hall, 1411 Blanshard street. Breaking of bread, 8 p. m.; Sunday school, 7 p. m.; gospel meeting.

Christians meet in Oakland Gospel hall, corner Hillside avenue and Cedar Hill road. 5 p. m. school and adult Bible class; 7:30 p. m. bright Gospel service.

The Theosophical Society meets 1 to 3 p. m. Friday, and from 3 to 4 p. m. Wednesday, at 222 Campbell building.

Seventh Day Adventist, corner Hillside avenue and Graham street. Services Sabbath (Saturday), 10:30; prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

Welsh services, Knights of Columbus hall, Fort street, 10 p. m. on Wednesday. Strangers' Rest. Service will be conducted on Sunday evening at 7:30 by Mrs. Bury and Miss Smith.

Progressive Thought Temple, corner Pandora and Blanshard streets. Dr. T. W. Butler will lecture at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. Children's school at 3.

The Divine Psychic Society will hold services at 77 Herald street on Sunday evening at 7:30. Soul messages after the lecture. Mrs. L. Reese will lecture.

Universal Spiritual Church. Every Sunday, 8 p. m. in Odd Fellows hall, 1223 Douglas. Vancouver. Pastor, W. E. Cloverdale. Hall. Gospel service, Sunday, 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school and Bible class, 3 p. m.; Prayer meeting, 8 p. m.; Gospel service, Thursday, 8 p. m. at the Strangers' Rest.

Sheilbourne Street Hall. Sunday school and adult Bible class at 2:30.

Christadelphians meet in Oranby hall, 404 O. C. V. Y. Yates street, on Sunday, every Sunday evening at 8:15. A lecture will be given every two weeks at 1:30, commencing Sunday.

Christadelphian meeting room, 1801 North Park street, on Wednesday, 10 a. m.; breaking of bread, 11 a. m.; lecture, 7:30 p. m.

SYNAGOGUE.

Congregation Emanu-El, Blanshard and Pandora. Services 8 every Friday evening. Helman J. Elkin, rabbi.

IN THE LODGE ROOM.

Meetings Next Week. Monday—Colfax Sewing Circle. General relief committee. Victoria lodge, No. 1. Tuesday—P. N. G. association, Vancouver Encampment, No. 1.

Wednesday—Columbia lodge, No. 2. Thursday—Dominion lodge, No. 4. Friday—Canton Victoria, No. 2.

Colfax Sewing Circle. A very successful whist drive was held by the circle last Tuesday evening. The regular meeting will be held next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

General Relief Committee. The regular semi-monthly meeting of this committee will be held on Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Victoria Lodge, No. 1. The semi-annual election of officers in this lodge last Monday evening resulted as follows: N. G. Bro. J. Gardner; V. G. Bro. A. H. Godfrey; secretary, Bro. F. Davey; treasurer, Bro. J. H. McConnell.

P. N. G. Association. The regular monthly meeting of this association will be held on Tuesday afternoon next at 3 o'clock.

Vancouver Encampment, No. 1. The members of the encampment are looking forward with considerable pleasure to the official visit of the grand patriarch next Tuesday evening, and indications are that a large number will be present.

Columbia Lodge, No. 2. The social committee has promised something good for next Wednesday evening in this lodge, and they hope a large number of members will be on hand.

Dominion Lodge, No. 4. Several matters of importance were dealt with by the members present last Thursday evening.

SONS OF ENGLAND.

The annual meeting of Lodge Alexandra was held on Wednesday evening.

Several important matters were discussed and decided upon. It was resolved to change the meeting night to the first and third Thursdays, and to hold them in the A. O. F. hall, Broad street. The election of officers took place, and the following brothers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Bro. H. H. Pearce; vice-president, Temple, P. P.; secretary, Bro. J. H. G. King, P. P.; first committee, Bro. J. Baron; second committee, Bro. T. Gough; third committee, Bro. M. Griffiths; fourth committee, Bro. E. Coleman; inner guard, Bro. G. T. Temple; outside guard, Bro. Geo. Millett (25th consecutive year), physician, Bro. Dr. L. F. Houghton; auditors, Bros. Geo. Jay, P. P.; W. E. Wilton and A. D. Briggs; trustees, Bros. Richard Hall and Lawrence Goodacre; delegate to Supreme lodge, Bro. H. G. King, P. P.; H. H. Pearce, A. Wynman and A. Kent, P. P. Bro. Phelps, invalidated from the front, gave a short account of his experiences in the trenches. The election of officers for Pride of the Island will take place on Tuesday, December 14.

Election Talk at Ottawa

By H. F. G.

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—It is a mistake to picture the Borden government as shivering on the brink of an election. A year ago that might have been the case, but since then the brink has been moved and the government now hopes to get an extension and hang it out until after the war is over.

Not to put too fine a point on it, the government has a bad case of cold feet. The next session of parliament is its last. The rapids are near and the daylight is past, and unless their political opponents can be persuaded to grant a stay of proceedings the government is bound to shoot the chutes.

This government was born to trouble. It has had nothing but trouble since it took office, and now certain defeat looms up ahead. The first sign of fear in the Conservative camp is the more or less open criticism of Premier Borden by his own friends, some of whom have been saying lately that he is not the man for the job.

It will be remembered that Premier Borden was made leader of the Conservative party in the House of Commons on the defeat of Sir Charles Tupper in 1907 for three chief reasons. The first reason was that never having done anything there could be nothing against them; the second was that none of the wrangling leaders of the opposition wanted that particular job at that particular time; the third was that Leader Borden was an amiable person, who could be pushed forward or back at will.

From time to time the Conservative party has looked for the coming of the real hero, Premier Borden being considered only a locum tenens. As far as the real hero was concerned, he was a little hand, peevish from long marches in the wilderness, thought they saw the real hero in Sir Richard McBride of British Columbia. They made signals to him to come and take his proper place at Ottawa, but Sir Richard was a wise young man and remained in his own little flower pot where he had grown so well.

But the trouble has broken out again. Again the captains murmur. Again doubt is expressed whether Sir Robert is the strong man for the crisis which Canada is now going through. Some of the knockers go further and speak of a lack of backbone in a manner which would have been deemed rank treason a year ago. It is worth noting that these doubts among Sir Robert's supporters first as it were on the heels of Mr. D. A. Thomas, who came to this country as Lloyd George's special commissioner and speedily found the shell committee a scandal and a shame.

Mr. Thomas not only found the composition of the shell committee a grave scandal, but he told Premier Borden so, adding that the price asked for shells was as scandalous as the fact that the committee was largely occupied in handing out contracts to its own members. He recommended that for the good of the empire and the credit of Canada, the shell committee be dismissed or radically reorganized.

He is also said to have wrenched a promise from Premier Borden that this should be done immediately. When day after day and week after week followed and it was not done, for the simple reason that the committee positively refused to resign and Premier Borden didn't have the heart to kick them out—when in short the committee defied the premier and stuck to its highly profitable job like a limpet to a rock, Commissioner Thomas had to take the matter into his own hands and pressure was brought to bear from the British government which finally resulted in the forced shell committee as we see it to-day.

It was after this experience with Premier Borden that Commissioner Thomas gave out the opinion that Sir Robert was as spineless a man as he had ever seen in public life. And it was following Mr. Thomas's cue that Sir Robert's critics in his own party took up the cry and are now suggesting stronger leaders, of whom there happens to be such a plentiful scarcity that Major-General Sir Sam Hughes is mentioned as the next best bet. Will they make a khaki idol of him, the man on horseback, the hero of the thronging streets, taking the salute wherever a bright eye sparkles—will they set him up as a little tin god or will they give him the dump? That is the question.

Sam is not a holy loved by his party. What's more, he is not taken at his face value and it is just a question whether the public mightn't see through him too. In fact there are so many risks in pulling off a khaki election with Sam as the central figure that the party has about decided that it doesn't want an election at all. It is also worth remembering that

Major-General Sam was the chief appointer of the Shell committee of which Commissioner Thomas so cordially disapproved and naturally that would not help him with the voters. On the whole if Premier Borden is weighed in the balance and found wanting, so is Sir Sam. His horse and horse, so to speak.

Of course, after the war is over the government will have to do a lot of taxing and taxing is not popular with the masses, and it may have to provide maintenance for a transcontinental railway or two, which will mean hard scratching, but these matters are not disquieting at present as the personal troubles of the various cabinet ministers. For example, what are they going to do with Bob? It has become plain to everybody that Bob Rogers can no longer carry Manitoba. For that matter he can't even carry his own constituency of Winnipeg.

What to do with the Machiavelli of the administration? His strength has become weakness, but he knows too much to be dropped readily. The plan is to take the high commissionership in London away from Sir George Perley, who has made a poor fist of it, and give it to Bob, who will naturally work for all it is worth. This may satisfy Bob, but will it not put Sir George's nose out of joint?

All of which is to say that the government is in a state of perspiring hesitancy and that a general election is the last thing it wants to put an end to it. The other evening, writes a correspondent of the Manchester Guardian, while distributing relief as one of the voluntary workers of the Salford relief committee, I called at one house, and, after "passing the time of the day," said: "Well, Mrs. X, how are things this week?" "Oh, a little better, thank you, sir," she replied. "There's been a death next door."

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The Men of the Fleet. Manitoba Free Press. Three months before the battle of Trafalgar on July 19, 1805 the British fleet dropped anchor in Gibraltar bay.

Three months before the battle of Trafalgar on July 19, 1805 the British fleet dropped anchor in Gibraltar bay. "On the 20th," Lord Nelson writes in his diary, "I went on shore for the first time since June 18, 1805 and, from having my foot out of the Victory two years wanting ten days."

In the annals of history Trafalgar stands out as great an epoch as, for instance, does the battle of Poltava, which Napoleon and dark reduced Sweden from a first to a third-class power and raged Russia to the dignity of an European state. But its significance was not realized at the time. Napoleon was at the height of his military fame, and at Austrienne, six weeks later, was to overwhelm Malakoff and Hissings and dominate Central Europe. Vision was no clearer in Britain. Writing on the occasion of the last Trafalgar anniversary, Lord Sydenham thus sums up the situation:

"To Pitt, dying three months after Trafalgar, the outlook appeared to be veiled in gloom. His plans had failed, Napoleon appeared to be launched on a long career of military conquest. Allies were to drop away, and after the treaty of Tilsit, Britain stood practically alone, undauntedly facing the conqueror. Yet the impartial historian is able to see that the crisis was already over. In Sydney's words: 'As the helm escaped his dying hands, all seemed lost; but in truth, the worst was past. The pilot had weathered the storm.'"

Trafalgar divides the twenty years of the Revolutionary and Napoleonic wars exactly in half. During the first phase, but for brief periods, such as after the battle of the Nile, the unchallenged command of the seas did not rest with Britain; after Trafalgar she was mistress undisputed. During the first two years of the naval war, in 1805 and 1806, she had the worst of it; the fleet was ill-equipped and mutinies were common. Yet when it came to locking yard-arms with the enemy, nothing could withstand the spirit of the fleet, and it was with crews but recently lo, open mutiny and recruited by the press-gang that Sir John Jervis achieved the signal victory off Cape St. Vincent, a battle that set for the royal navy a new standard of comparative force, and thereafter few British captains hesitated to attack an enemy of much superior strength.

That battle was fought after the alliance of the French and Spanish navies had elected Britain from the Mediterranean, and over eight years were to elapse before the final decision was reached at Trafalgar. Even after Trafalgar the command of the seas was never so complete nor effective as it has been during the past year, and French depredations on British commerce, accompanied by occasional individual successes over British ships-of-war, took comparative toll very much higher than anything achieved to-day by German submarines.

History affords no parallel to those ten long years of blockading the enemy's fleet in his ports of Brest, Cadix or Toulon; keeping the offing in teeth of error winter blasts; now and again forced by the fury of the elements to relax vigil-

lance and acid for shelter to home ports; heaving, perhaps, for weeks off a lee shore, and alert in the still night for the boding cry: "Breakers ahead." Bad beef, bad water, short rations; the confinement in cramped and stifling quarters 'tween decks, as the only relief from watch above; complete lack of intercourse with folk at home, and a dearth of news from the outside world—all this was met by the traditional cheerful and accommodated habit of mind of the sailor, and he welcomed as a fine frolic those rare occasions when, stripped to the waist, he served the guns, or, outsize in hand, leapt aboard the enemy. It was only when the ships lay for weeks at anchor at Spithead or the Nore that the sea lawyers had their inning and mutiny was rife.

The spirit of a hundred years ago lives again to-day in the men of the fleet. Steam has done much to mitigate, humane ideas to cheer, their hardships, but these exist none the less. Another winter of watch and ward is before them, and finds them in the bitter cold of the North Sea, the rolling pathways of the Atlantic, or the tempestuous waters of the Aegean; doing their duty in simple faith, stout-hearted and undimmed.

Jack Tars of a hundred years ago fought the foe and fought the elements, but they fought only visible enemies. The thing seen was grappled with as it arose, and the strain was more physical than spiritual. All that is changed, and the coming of the submarine and the contact mine, to say nothing of the terrors of the sky, have imposed a heroic burden on the shoulders of the officers and men alike. A light sea, a sunny sky, a six-knot breeze, and not a topmast in sight meant holiday-time for the men of Jervis and of Nelson; but to-day hidden death may lurk—does lurk—under this smiling surface, and we to the ship whose vigilance relaxes and the crew unready for the silent, unseen death-blow.

The strain of the trenches we know something of—how it fills hospitals with shattered nerves; but even that inferno is intermittent, and then comes a lull in the firing when the tired man rest from the din of it all. But for the watch at sea there is no interlude; there is no moment from eight bells to eight bells when he can say now at least, this is a fine breathing-spell. His dreary, exacting business goes forward day and night, and the battle he wins is won by him. All winter long he may not see the smoke of an enemy craft, but all unconsciously the battle is being won.

"All's well with the fleet," said Mr. Churchill recently. "The great strategic conclusions upon which our naval dispositions are based have been vindicated. From its shrouded throne amid the northern storms the grand fleet dominates, and will finally decide, the fate of warring nations, and by that formidable combination of strength and patience will secure the victory of our just cause."

Mr. Churchill has a faculty in polysyllables, and the men of the fleet may find him bombastic; but perhaps their forbears said as much of Nelson's signal "England expects every man will do his duty." They do not care much about his words, but they deliver the goods.

Mr. Slough (about to propose, time 11 p.m.)—"I am about to say something, Miss Chillington, that I should have said some time ago—Look into my eyes and tell me if you cannot guess what it is!" Miss Chillington (suppressing a yawn)—"You look as sleepy as I feel, so I suppose you must be going to say 'Good-night.'"

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TO LET

Table with columns for STORES AND OFFICES, ACREAGE, UNFURNISHED, and FURNISHED, listing various properties and their details.

P. R. BROWN, 1112 Broad St. Insurance Written. Money to Loan.

If Were a Man

a lady said to us the other day, I would let my wife buy the Coal, for she certainly ought to know the kind that is best, cleanest and therefore, cheapest for the home.

Incidentally, she ordered two more tons.

Mackay & Gillespie Ltd. Office, 738 Fort Street. Phones 149 and 622.

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TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

- Advertisements for various services and goods, including real estate and business opportunities.

LOCAL TOY DEALERS SPEAK OF CHANGES

German Trade Knocked on the Head, British Manufacturers Now Extending Business

The season for toy-giving is once more at its eve. Children's playthings have come in for new interest in the last sixteen months, owing to the war. For although their history is as ancient as that of man, it is well-known to most people of observation that for many years past Germany has provided most of civilization with the very important adjunct of the child's life.

There is something for gratification, much for reflection of another kind in the thought that the toy-making industry in the country that is now Britain's deadly enemy was carried out by the peaceful and friendly peasants of the Black Forest region. Whether the generation-old occupation is still carried on by the old men and women in their cottages will probably not be known until after the war.

Noah's ark, for instance. No Canadian toy-maker would undertake to make for the price one of the painted houses (which commit a grave anachronism in their painted windows), with old Noah and his wife, and a score of food-seeking beasts for 65 cents. Yet this is the price at which the German-made article was sold, after an import duty of 30 per cent.

The blow to the toy business, all opinion summed up, was chiefly in the special department devoted to dolls. Dolls were known in ancient Egypt; in Greece and Rome before the Germans were ever even heard of. Dolls were found in the catacombs; they were in use among the Arabs in the time of Mahomet, whose nine-year-old wife induced him to join her in her play with them.

With children of to-day they have a popularity which has not been lessened by the relative cheapness of the toy as compared with several years ago. Little children yet in their "crawlers" are critical, older girls are connoisseurs of the elaborately-clothed and clear-faceted darlings that have as many perquisites as any well-cared-for baby.

It would have been easy enough years ago to create a substitute for any shop-made article with a nicely-made stouthead lady with darning-needle for her kinky curls, a flattish face whose charm of expression depended very largely on the skill of the amateur artist, and a solid body clothed in stout materials which withstood any amount of wear.

When the German dolls, which undoubtedly were quite the finest on the market at the price, ceased to come dealers were in despair. For the shortage began to be felt just at a time when the little folk were expecting Santa Claus to bring them new and fairer inhabitants for their doll-collection. Prices shot up; a necessary precaution to prevent an utter clearing out of the supply on hand.

double, and the quality is not so good. A year ago all the toy dealers thought there would be a big shortage, but the requirements in the way of dolls the market is pretty well supplied through other sources this year.

There were certain toys which, owing to the very low price which people were accustomed to paying, would probably never be substituted by Canadian manufacturers, another merchant explained. But Japan in the course of time, if given sufficient encouragement, would be able to fill all the demands in these lines.

"I can't quite see how they are going to close out things that are made at such a cost unless they put on a prohibitive import duty," said one of the prominent toy-dealers of the city. Even then it is a question whether Canadian manufacturers would prefer to build up their business in other more profitable lines.

Mechanical Toys. Mechanical toys have been the joy of the nursery for the past ten years, but it was a cause for many tears that a scarcely day-old train or walking-duck might suffer utter collapse and ruin by coming under the foot of its over-cageous small engineer.

Wheeled goods are made between the two countries—the United States and Canada—and have been for such a long time that the market has had no competition to speak of from outside. But if this is so then Canada should be working more industriously than ever to capture a business in things of this kind—wagons, wheelbarrows, etc., for children—outside of the Dominion.

In a good class of wooden toys and particularly in Sheffield, are supreme. There is no doubt that the British has the best of the market in these. There are certain lines of games in which they have a good standing also, and recent letters from agents there indicate that they have extended the range of their manufactures so as to embrace many of the lines previously supplied from Prussian factories.

Canada Making Dolls. But the point is that Canada hopes never again to require anything in the way of toys from Germany. In Toronto a factory has already been opened that is turning out a very pretty doll, not yet in such variety of forms as were to be found in the imported toy, but the very best in its particular kind.

"The doll proposition is the hardest one," said one of the local toy-men when discussing the question of Christmas supplies. "Toronto is making the 'cuple' doll, and the same firm there is beginning to turn out a larger line. But the difficulty has been up to the present to get the sleeping doll and the doll with hair. France makes dolls, of course, but the cost is nearly

men who, clever with the saw and tool-bench, are turning out practical wooden articles of the heavier kind. Rocking-Horses. How it is that with their genius for manufacturing a strong rocking-horse that will stand the test of a generation or two of ardent young equestrians the British manufacturers have not attempted to oust the German equine? The latter is a good-looking animal, with a real hide and hair-tail and mane, not to mention the sex-trapping which are ready fitted for the rider. But the solid English "perchorn," with sturdy legs and a firm back, certainly deserves first place if a long-lived useful animal is sought.

J. W. Spears (they had a London office) were one of the most famous of the German toy-manufacturers. They made practically all the picture-blocks that were bought. Those grand uniforms, covered with gold braid, surmounted with helmets, were from Prussia. So were all the masks worn on Halloween and at other times. Even the Boy Scouts' uniforms were made in the enemy country.

Meantime the hobby of the small as well as the bigger boy of to-day is the "model builder," the collection of metal pieces which has such a wonderful range of possibilities and brings out the inventive ability of its user. This is doing a great deal to submerge the old-fashioned toy with children past a certain age, and will probably in itself be quite a death-dealing blow to the German toy business.

PASSED FLYING TESTS

A wire was received this afternoon from Joe Gorman, formerly sporting editor of the Times, that he passed his aviation tests today, and will leave for Ottawa to-morrow to take up his commission.

LOCAL NEWS

And Now It is Transferring Time—We have transfer cases for all purposes. Sweeney-McConnell, Limited, Printers, stationers and Engravers.

Topic to Be "Babies."—Mrs. Hanington's lecture to the Garden City Women's Institute will take place on Wednesday afternoon, December 8, at 2 o'clock. The topic will be "Babies," and the meeting will be open to all sister institutes.

Superfluities.—Messrs. Maynard & Sons have very kindly placed their services at the disposal of the Red Cross society and have consented to sell about fifty lots of "superfluities" at their sale room to-night. A big attendance is hoped for.

New Labor Paper.—It is stated that the first issue of the proposed labor weekly here may be expected next week. It will be published on Friday evening for Saturday, and is to be strictly neutral in its relation to the existing political parties.

WEST END Grocery Co., Ltd. The People's Store. Week-End Specials at the West End Grocery. DATE NUT BUTTER, large 25c jars. Saturday, 2 for 25c. PURE MAPLE SYRUP, 50c quart bottles. Saturday, a bottle 35c. HAWAII PINEAPPLE, large 35c cans. Saturday, a can 20c.

Hand-Rolled Chocolates

Twenty varieties. Saturday, a pound 25c. NEW SHIPMENT WAGSTAFFE'S JAM. Assorted, 4-lb. pails. Reg. 85c. Saturday, 65c. E. D. SMITH'S PUMPKIN. 3s, reg. 15c. Saturday, 3 cans, 25c. LAURENTIA MILK. Saturday, 4 cans, 25c.

SEE OUR CHRISTMAS DISPLAY

Children's Tea Sets, Fancy Baskets, Novelties, Bon Bons, Stockings, Candies, Etc. SHOP EARLY. CORNER GOVERNMENT AND BROUGHTON.

ANONYMOUS DONORS GIVE \$2,000 TO FUND

One Sold His Automobile and Gave Patriotic Society the Proceeds. The Victoria Patriotic Aid Society benefited to-day to the extent of \$2,000 from the two people who desire to remain unknown.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The attendance in the various schools last month were as follows: High 657; Boys' Central 284; Girls' Central 447; Bank Street 159; Beacon Hill 140; Burnside 187; Cook Street 27; Fernwood 61; George Jay 348; Kings Road 156; Kingston Street 163; Margaret Jenkins 111; North Ward 399; Oaklands 274; Pembroke 17; Quadra 144; Rock Bay 39; Sir James Douglas 401; South Park 352; Special 14; Spring Ridge 141; Victoria West 354. Total 4,975; total October 1915, 5,044; November, 1914, 5,011.

LEICESTER & CROCKER TIMBER COMPANY NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore subsisting between us in the undersigned, as LEICESTER & CROCKER TIMBER COMPANY, at the City of Victoria, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All debts owing to the said partnership are to be paid to Samuel L. Crocker at Victoria aforesaid, and all claims against the said partnership are to be presented to the said Samuel L. Crocker for settlement.

NOTICE VOTERS' LIST

A Court of Revision of the Voters' List for the year 1915 will be held at the Municipal Hall, Esquimalt, on Friday, December 10, from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. A copy of the Voters' List has been prepared and can be seen at the Municipal Office.

The Island's Best WELLINGTON COAL. If you wish a good, bright, cosy, stay-at-home fire, you must have the best coal.

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The Imperial Canadian Trust Co. EXECUTOR, ADMINISTRATOR, ASSIGNEE, TRUSTEE, ETC.

APPREHENDS MENACE IF POSITION CHANGES. Perilous Situation of Christians in Western China is Told by Visitor Here

CRIMEAN VETERAN PASSES TO REST. John Williams Died To-day After Adventurous Career; Was in Navy

There will be serious trouble in Western China, and many of the missionaries and foreign traders will be imperiled if another revolution breaks out.

Death came with tragic suddenness to a Crimean veteran in Victoria to-day. In the seclusion of the Aged Men's home, where he has spent his later years, John Williams, able seaman, pearl fisher and adventurer, was called away soon after noon to-day.

Mr. Williams, who was 82 years of age, had just partaken of luncheon when he was seized with a heart attack, and expired ten minutes later without regaining consciousness.

FORD AND EIGHTY SAIL FOR EUROPE. Fifty-Seven Newspaper Correspondents and Photographers; Ford's Statement

New York, Dec. 4.—Henry Ford and more than eighty peace advocates sailed from here to-day on the Scandinavian-American liner Oscar II.

The peace delegates received large red celluloid buttons bearing a white star with rays, and the words "Out of the Trenches by Christmas."

Before sailing, Mr. Ford issued what he called a farewell statement. "I am sailing with the firm belief," he said, "that a great good will come of this mission.

"We are leaving on time, and leaving with the feeling that those parts of the world now at peace and at war have heard of the plan and are in sympathy with the move, and that the best wishes of the great majority go with us."

MR. WHITLOCK IS TO RETURN TO BRUSSELS. Washington, Dec. 4.—American Minister Whitlock is to return to Brussels, Belgium, when he sails from the United States on Dec. 23 on the steamship Rotterdam.

Price of Periodicals—Starting to-day the price of all ten-cent American periodicals was raised in Victoria to fifteen cents.

OBITUARY RECORD. The funeral of William McArthur took place yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the Thomson funeral chapel.

The death took place yesterday at the Royal Jubilee hospital of Benjamin Jamieson. The deceased was 41 years of age, and was a native of Ontario.

R. CAPELLE WANTED IN SAN FRANCISCO. Grand Jury Wishes to Learn What He Knows of S. S. Sacramento

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—Robert Capelle, agent for the North German Lloyd line, sought for ten days as a witness before the federal grand jury in connection with violations of American neutrality by German agents, was reported to-day to have sought refuge on the interned four-masted, German barque Ottawa, off Saucelleto, a port on San Francisco Bay, opposite this city.

Deputy marshals were instructed to seek him to-day to serve on him a subpoena to appear before the grand jury probably on Monday. Capelle was ordered summoned particularly with reference to indictments returned against prominent shipping men and firms charged with issuing false manifests for the steamship Sacramento, which is stated to have taken supplies to German warships off the Chilean coast a year ago.

WHY COUNT MENSDOERFF HAS GONE TO SOFIA. Athens, Dec. 4.—Count Mensdorff, former Austrian ambassador to London, has gone to Sofia owing to a rumor that the Bulgarians were ready to receive overtures from the entente powers after the occupation of Nish and Uskub.

BARON VON BRINCKEN GIVES HIMSELF UP. San Francisco, Dec. 4.—Baron George Wilhelm von Brincken, German cavalry officer, sought by Deputy United States marshals for several hours to-day for arrest on a charge of attempting to destroy wharves and ships loaded with supplies for the allies, was telephoned to John W. Preston, United States district attorney, late to-day, that he would appear at the federal building in three hours with bondsmen. It was agreed that bail bonds would be fixed at \$10,000.

HAVE THE STATES ABDICATED? While the federal government is groping for laws under which it can deal with the criminal activities of alien agents and sympathizers, what has become of the States? Have they abdicated?

NEW YORK CURE PRICES. (By F. W. Stevenson & Co.) Ann. Marconi 32 1/2 Buffalo 3 1/2 Can. Car Fdy. 97 1/2 Do. prof. 110 1/2 Can. Copper 1 1/2 Can. Marconi 1 1/2 Crown Reserve 60 1/2 Daly West 3 1/2 Dome Mines 28 1/2 Etna Phon. 109 1/2 Hodley Gold 278 1/2 How Super 1 1/2 Hullinger 27 1/2 Holler Lake 48 1/2 La Rose 80 1/2 Mines of Amn. 38 1/2 Nipissing 74 1/2 Standard Lead 18 1/2 Stewart 64 1/2 Steel of Can. 40 1/2 Success 65 1/2 Yukon 62 1/2

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PTE. TATTON WILL STAY IN VICTORIA FEW WEEKS. Vancouver, Dec. 4.—En route to Victoria, where he plans to spend a few weeks with some friends, Pte. A. Tatton, a member of the draft of reinforcements sent from Winnipeg last January to fill out the depleted ranks of the gallant Princess Pats, arrived in the city this morning and left on the 10.30 o'clock boat for Victoria. He was struck by a fragment of a high explosive shell.

FACTS AGAINST BRINCKEN GATHERED BY BRITISH. Washington, Dec. 4.—Much of the evidence upon which the judicial authorities are acting in the case of Baron von Brincken, who says he is military attaché of the German consulate-general here, and who is charged with complicity in the plots to destroy wharves and ships loaded with supplies for the allies, was gathered first by British agents.

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET. Winnipeg, Dec. 4.—A quiet opening was had in a most sensational bull market, December 4th closing at \$102.25, and May up 2 cents, closing at \$179.00.

Table of market prices for various commodities including Standard Lead, Snowstorm, McGillivray, and Ramble. Includes columns for Bid, Ask, and Price.

MONTREAL STOCKS. (By F. A. Borden & Co.) Montreal, Dec. 4.—The local market to-day was quite strong in places, with a small amount of business. The steel shares perhaps were as strong as anything.

Table of Montreal stock prices for various companies like Ann. Marconi, Buffalo, Can. Car Fdy., etc.

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Financial News. FEATURE OF WEEK WAS STANDARD LEAD BEARS NERVOUS AND MARKET RECOVERED

Morning Session of Exchange Showed Several Strong Signs. Outlook for American Railroads Shows More Improvement

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Jardinières, Fruit Bowls, Patriotic, Limoges and Wedgwood Plaques, Pressed Glass Dishes, Chocolate Cups and Saucers, Royal Aller Vale Tea Pots, Cups and Vases, Milk Jugs, Tobacco Jars, Hand-Painted Sugar Bowls and Bon Bon Dishes, Baby Plates.

THE \$1.00 TABLE IS A TREAT

Doulton Cups and Saucers, Old Foley Fruit Bowls, Jardinières, Quaint Tobacco Jars, Biscuit Jars, Compote, Celery Trays, Grotesques, Tea Plates, Milk Jugs, Olive Dishes, Syrup Jugs and Saucers, Bon Bon Dishes, Pitchers, Covered Butter Dishes, holly pattern.

EVERY DOLLAR THAT YOU GIVE HELPS SOME HERO'S WIFE TO LIVE

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Patriotic Aid Society, 1210 Broad Street

Y.W.C.A.

Foreign Pageant December 10th
Old Victoria Theatre, Douglas Street



Your Wife's Christmas Gift—What will it be?

She probably has absolutely everything in the way of personal adornment and the sensible thing to do is to buy something of a decorative yet useful character for the house.
This store presents a thousand and one suggestions any of which will surely bring delight to the recipient and satisfaction to the giver.
Why not come in now before the rush, make your selection, have it packed and held for later delivery?
You will find the stock at its best and besides get an important duty off your mind.

It's Every Woman's Ambition

to have a plentiful supply of beautiful household linen, whether she has a home of her own to use it in, or lays it carefully away in her bottom drawer. Just now our Linen Department is the Mecca of Christmas shoppers. Hand-embroidered linens make charming gifts that can be conveniently forwarded by mail.

We are displaying a very attractive shipment of hand-embroidered Irish Linen Doilies and Centrepieces, edged with real Irish crochet lace. Beautiful hand-embroidered, lace-edged Afternoon Tea Cloths of finest Irish linen; dainty Afternoon Tea Napkins with scalloped edges, and floral wreath embroidered in one corner; embroidered Pillow Shams and Cases; embroidered and hemstitched Bureau Scarves; Guest Towels of finest huckaback linen in large and small sizes, with embroidered and scalloped ends, and space for initial.

Victoria's Popular Home Furnishers **WEILER BROS LIMITED** Quality Store THE RELIABLE DRUG STORE

PROPOSED RELIEF FOR UNFORTUNATE OWNERS

City Will Seek Legislation to Permit Assistance in Aid of Assessments

An important principle was discussed in streets committee of the city council yesterday afternoon, when the aldermen considered whether it would be desirable for application to be made to the legislature to adjust local improvement by laws which at present cannot be closed up. A general power to grant relief to property owners where the by-laws are incomplete formed the subject under review, and eventually it was decided that a committee composed of the mayor, solicitor and comptroller should ascertain the opinion of the government through the attorney-general, whether legislation would be acceptable on this point.

The subject was introduced in a communication from the comptroller referring to proposed legislation to be sought to pay \$7,700 in relief of Dundas street owners. This case is a notorious one in which the by-law cannot be closed up on account of the city not having carried out its undertakings, and the cost of work yet to be done exceeding the original estimate. If the city intended to promote legislation on the matter at the next session then the comptroller thought there should be provided made in the estimates for the sum mentioned, as an increase of the city's share of the contribution, otherwise the money would have to come out of revenue next year.

Alderman Diltworth did not want the council to bind itself to any narrow policy on a single street, but to seek powers embracing relief of owners generally. Alderman Porter coincided with the idea of not limiting the application to a single street.

This course, however, did not have the support of Alderman Todd. "A great deal of assistance will have to be given," Alderman Todd said, "in a large and substantial way at some time, and I think special sanction should be secured in the individual cases, or else the council will be placed in a difficult position."

Alderman Fullerton foresaw that unless the sum was placed in the estimates it would put the next council in a quandary.

Alderman McCandless reminded the council that while the delay in settlement continued, expenses were mounting up, and the interest charges were absorbing \$1,500 a year.

Alderman Sargent thought that eventually the council would be driven to a general policy for all the unsettled by-laws. It was strange that the Dundas street owners after two years' agitation had not indicated a scheme of settlement under which the assessment could be made.

Alderman Bell still believed some general powers could be secured to empower the council to deal with the by-laws as they arose.

The matter was then left to the sub-committee.

At a public meeting for the purpose of interesting citizens in technical and vocational education as a means of making the country more efficient, held at the High school auditorium last evening, Dr. James L. Hughes, of Toronto, spoke to a moderate audience, the rainy weather doubtless keeping away many who otherwise would have attended.

Municipal Inspector E. B. Paul acted as chairman, and introduced the speaker. Dr. Hughes argued that the old system of imparting information which later was to be used at examinations had failed, because it neglected to make application of the information gained.

Knowledge of the use of that information had been appreciated in Europe, with the result that the educational system that had its basis in the kindergarten had secured practical results. The object of the kindergarten system was to develop original creative ability, and thereby secure originality of design.

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FAVORS LIFT DESIGN FOR BRIDGE SPAN

City Engineer Makes Statement With Regard to Rock Bay Bridge

A lift bridge is to be the form recommended to the city council for Rock Bay bridge, City Engineer Rust informed the civic streets committee yesterday afternoon. The plans will provide for a temporary wooden structure. When approved, the usual advertisement will have to be inserted in the Canada Gazette for four weeks as well as in local papers, so that there is no prospect of the bridge being reopened to traffic this year.

The council will be recommended on Monday to macadamize Bay street in front of the new drill hall, in order that the troops to be quartered there may have regular access to the building on its main frontage.

In order to bring to a head the long delayed action concerning the Prior street sidewalk, the council will pass a resolution to proceed on the initiative plan, by the usual three-fourths majority of the council.

Pending the provision of more money in the estimates for paying part of the cost of removing dangerous light and telephone poles, two cases particularly complained of by the Island Automobile association will receive attention.

Considerable complaint about the removal of night soil from the Willows camp to Clover Point has been made, the scavengers now adding their quota to the protest because the road from Dallas road to the point is in bad condition. The committee instructed the engineer, after consultation with the chairman of the streets committee, to effect temporary repairs.

Although the repair of Oliver avenue has been strongly urged, in order to have an alternative route from Burnside road to Gorge road, the aldermen considered that the work ought to be done under local improvement. The road is the chief thoroughfare to Burnside school.

An English tourist, while traveling in Ireland, was one day accosted by a beggar. He felt in his pocket for a sixpence, but finding that he had nothing smaller than a shilling, gave it to the woman, with the words, "You must give me the change the next time we meet." "O' will, sorr," replied the beggar, "and may yer honor live till ye get it!"

POPULAR YOUNG VICTORIAN PASSES

Cyril Sedger, Prominent Victoria West Athlete, Succumbs at Hospital

Cyril Sedger, orderly sergeant to Dr. E. S. Tait, of the medical dental corps, died this morning at Work Point hospital from a complication of typhoid and pneumonia. He was 25 years old, and a son of Thomas D. and Mrs. Sedger, of Lamson street.

The late Mr. Sedger was one of the best known and most popular young men in Victoria, having been prominent in football circles in Victoria West for



THE LATE SGT. C. SEDGER

many years. Some years ago he went north, and there located a mining claim which he worked for several seasons. Later he returned to Victoria, and after the outbreak of war became attached to the medical corps. He was with the troops at Vernon all summer.

Two of the late Mr. Sedger's brothers, Reginald and Gerald, are serving with No. 5 General hospital, Canadian, now in Greece. Another brother, Ralph, is married and lives in Victoria.

BUYING AT HOME

Reasons Why Citizens Should Purchase Here Distributed All Over the City by Means of Circulars

The "buy at home" club has issued circulars, setting out ten reasons why people in Victoria should buy at home. These are being mailed from the office of the Victoria and Island Development association and read as follows:

"Because it is practical loyalty, to our city."
"Because every dollar sent out of the city is an irreparable loss."

"Because our merchants pay heavy rents; most of the taxes that keep up the city pay-roll, and employ our sons and daughters."
"Because if everyone bought goods out of the town we should not have any retail stores."

"Because if our incomes are earned in Victoria they should be spent here."
"Because local merchants have bought their stocks for our needs and climatic conditions, and depend upon our trade for support."

"Because the more we buy from our local stores, the cheaper they are able to sell their goods, which reduces the cost of living."
"Because our local merchants are under heavy expense in contributing to local entertainments, charities and patriotic funds."

"Because our merchants cannot support these funds unless we support them."
"Because if we buy from our merchants, they in turn can buy from our local manufacturers and farmers. Every dollar spent here helps Victoria. Money spent elsewhere helps some other city."

The arguments above are emphasized by the following injunction concluding the appeal: "Keep the pot boiling at home while the boys are away."

Thin People Can Increase Weight

Thin men and women who would like to increase their weight, with 10 or 15 pounds of healthy "stay there" fat should try eating a little Sargol with their meals for a while and note results. Here is a good test worth trying. First weigh yourself and measure your waist for two weeks. Then weigh and measure again. It isn't a question of how you look or feel or what your friends say and think. The scales and the tape measure will tell their own story, and many thin men and women we believe can easily add from five to eight pounds in the first fourteen days by following this simple direction. And, best of all, the new flesh stays put.

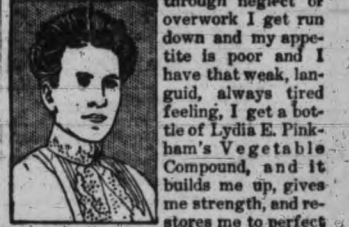
Sargol does not itself make fat, but mixing with your food, it aims to turn the fats, sugars and starches of what you have eaten, into rich, ripe fat producing nourishment for the tissues and blood—prepares it in an easily assimilated form which the blood can readily accept. Much of this nourishment now passes from your body as waste. But Sargol works to stop the waste and do it quickly and to make the fat producing contents of the very same meals you are eating now develop pounds and pounds of healthy flesh between your skin and bones. Sargol is safe, pleasant, efficient and inexpensive. D. E. Campbell and other leading druggists in this vicinity sell it in fringe boxes—forty tablets to a package—on a guarantee of weight increase or money back as found in each large box.

At a social affair some time since the subject of marriage came up for discussion. "Speaking of marriage," remarked one of the women guests, "I could never quite understand one of the biblical references to it." "To which one do you particularly refer, Mrs. Jones?" asked another of the guests. "About marrying in Heaven," answered Mrs. Jones thoughtfully. "Why do you suppose there is no marrying nor giving in marriage in Heaven?" "That's an easy one," promptly chipped in a sarcastic matron. "I don't suppose there is a man in the place."

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SPLENDID MEETING HELD AT OAKLANDS

Liberals of Wards Two and Three Hear the Candidates Discuss Policy of Party

There was a large attendance at the joint meeting of Liberals of Wards II and III, held in the Oaklands hall, Gosworth road, last evening. The inclemency of the weather did not prevent many women turning out to show their interest in the political issues of the day, in which they are promised a part by the Liberals, whose platform includes the extension of the franchise to their sex.

T. G. Elliott was in the chair, and he referred to the presence of women and predicted a bright future when they were given a voice in the affairs of the nation.

John Hart, one of the candidates for the city, gave a short talk, and also dwelt on the pledge of the Liberal party to extend the suffrage as part of the plan of general reform. In this pledge the party was sincere, he said, and therefore it expected the support of every woman in the province. Mr. Hart made reference to an allegation made at the recent Conservative meeting at Oak Bay, to the effect that the Liberal party had broken the truce. He showed the insincerity of such a charge, inasmuch as the government itself had been the truce-breaker by springing a "fake" dissolution on the people, and ever since keeping the province in a condition of uncertainty as to what the plans of the administration were, or when the election was likely to be brought on.

Cause of Delay. The alleged unpreparedness of the voters had been given as the reason for not going ahead with the elections at the time they were originally set for last spring. Actually the delay was due to internal difficulties in the cabinet. Not unready voters' lists but cold feet, to use a colloquial expression, was the trouble with the McBride-Bowser government in the matter of elections. The water was getting colder and more cold, and there was no doubt that the administration would perish when it at last took the plunge. Criticism was not desired by the government; the electors were expected to take as perfect acts of a super-perfect government everything that was done, no matter how faulty it was. As a matter of fact the record of the McBride government would not stand the searchlight, and that was why it was desired that nothing be said so as to avoid arousing the suspicion of the people.

The only legacy that would be left for administration by the Liberal government that was coming as certainly as the day, was a depleted treasury, a wrecked credit, alienated resources and a liability of hundreds of millions to corporations.

H. C. Hall, who on Wednesday evening had applied the term "organized hypocrisy" to the government, applied another Diabellian epithet to it as regards its incompetency, that like a gale it was without pride of ancestry or hope of posterity. It was a government of speculators existing to give the speculator his chance, and handing on to the reins of power to the last to enable its speculative friends to make something out of the assets of the province which had been given away to them. The same incompetency marked the acts of the government in every department, whether in the handling of agriculture, dealing with labor problems, or assisting in the development of means of transportation. There had been a large sum spent on an inquiry into labor, on which was based a workmen's compensation act, but after this had been mercilessly ridiculed by John Oliver the attorney-general had had another royal commission appointed to frame another "improvement" exhibition of incompetency was the railway policy of Sir Richard McBride, under which the credit of the province was tied up to financial manipulators without a single mile of productive new territory being opened up.

Outlined Liberal Platform. Ald. George Bell, third of the candidates, was the principal speaker of the evening, and he dealt with the Liberal platform in a clear and concise manner, taking it up plank by plank explaining it, and contrasting it with the lack of policy which marks the administration of public affairs in all branches under the present government. The Liberal party, he said, first, last and all the time, whether in the land, in federal affairs or in the provinces, stood for reform. Between the two extremes of Radicalism and Toryism, there was a great wide middle road, which was where the Liberal party was found, moderate in all things and fair to all men. Government by party was the best system which yet had been evolved, but party interests must never be allowed to get control of public interests. Under the McBride government every act was directed to the aggrandizement of the party, since its first throttling of public opinion by buying up practically the whole press of the province, and there had grown up a machine which was a menace to the people. With such a record, as it had there was great need for destructive criticism, but the Liberal party was ready as well with a constructive policy to take the place of the present maladministration of provincial affairs.

Land Reform. First in this program of remedial measures, Ald. Bell said, was the policy of the Liberal party in reference to the land, under which it would be possible to secure settlers, and the production which everyone was now crying for. Instead of the speculator being allowed to hang on to lands which he had not paid for, to the exclusion of the man who wanted to cultivate it, the land would be given free to the actual settler on terms of occupation and cultivation of it. Assistance and encouragement would be given to the farmer under a measure which would really help him, which the act passed by the legislature last session did not do, with all its subservience to order-in-council. Good roads; a system of surveys which would be of use to the people instead of to the land companies; the fullest information for intending settlers; good roads for the benefit of the community and not for party friends, and railway branch lines to open up the country would be provided under the wise administration of a government with H. C. Brewster at the head of it.

The extent to which the province is tied up to the two lines whose bonds are guaranteed was stated by Ald. Bell. On the timber question he showed how the present system enabled timber speculators to traffic in this resource of the people, or hold it out of use, with the result that the sawmill business had actually gone backward in this province of immense timber wealth, while the consumer paid exorbitant prices.

Saner Curriculum. In the matter of education the Liberal party would stand for a more sane curriculum, for the greater development of technical training and of agricultural education, and for the absolute elimination of politics from that department. Woman suffrage was a principle for which the party stood firmly, and with the adoption of this there would come about a house-cleaning in political affairs that was badly needed.

The people would be given a larger voice in their own affairs by making police and license boards elective, reform in taxation would be undertaken, and a real workmen's compensation act which would give positive compensation for injuries without recourse to litigation. Fortnightly pay, an eight-hour day and a six-day week, and the maintenance of a white British Columbia, were other planks in the platform. The falsity of the Conservative cry of a white British Columbia was shown by the speaker, who pointed out that the government estimated for the current year that it would get half a million in revenue from this source, which meant that two thousand more Chinese would enter the province.

On the question of prohibition the party had for a long time had a local option policy, and to the demand of to-day for more restrictive measures it expressed its fixed policy of abiding by the wish of the people, and would give them an opportunity to say what they wanted in this connection by direct legislation.

During the evening the pleasure of the audience was added to by the rendering of several selections by the Oaklands orchestra, a little group of most capable musicians under the direction of A. W. Staples. They showed themselves to be very musically players, and the vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Hart was warmly received. The national anthem brought the meeting to a close.

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ISLAND FARMERS ARE ASKED TO CO-OPERATE

Will Be Requested to Act With Board of Trade Committee on Production

The special committee of the board of trade which is dealing with the subject of agricultural production is inviting the co-operation of the farmers of the island in the consideration of the matters which are being dealt with. The secretary is getting into communication with all the agricultural organizations on the island in this connection, and is asking them to name a representative to sit with the committee wherever this is convenient, or, if it is not, to hold local meetings for the discussion of the problems which are being taken up, advising the committee fully of the views of the farmers of the district on the various phases which present themselves to the people of the neighborhood.

Members of agricultural associations, farmers' institutes, stock-breeders, poultry, fruit-growers and dairymen's associations and other bodies, will be asked to take part in the proceedings. All these organizations on Vancouver Island and the adjacent islands are being asked to co-operate.

The shipbuilding committee of the board is also active at present, and is holding frequent meetings to deal with the encouragement of that industry here.

The council of the board is called for Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of considering the matters to be laid before the monthly general meeting on Thursday next. There are two or three reports to be submitted, which the council will deal with first, but otherwise there is little to come before the meeting so far as can be now seen.

If any member has any matter that he desires to have dealt with he is asked to notify Secretary Elworthy at once so that the members may be advised of this in the call for the meeting.

PATRIOTIC CONCERT.

Distinguished Patrons for Entertainment to Be Held on Monday, December 13.

The following is a list of the distinguished patrons for the patriotic concert to be held at the old Victoria theatre on the evening of December 13, under the direction of J. O. Dunford, the entire proceeds of which will go to the Patriotic Aid society:

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